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Sandy Johnson joins supporters of President-elect Joe Biden as they gather along Main Street on Tuesday in St. Joseph.

Does SJ have a case of the blues?

Voters in once-reliable Republican territory are trending the other way

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Electors in the city of St. Joseph helped send native son U.S. Rep. Fred Upton back to Congress for another two years.

But in all other high level races in this year's election, voters in St. Joseph turned blue.

Berrien County Republican Chairman Denny Gross thinks it's due to a lot of people, especially young people, moving to the area from out of state, with young people tending to be liberal, and colleges faculties being largely Democrat. He also believes Democratic candidates rode on the coattails of President-elect Joe Biden.

Amy Scrima, chairwoman of the Berrien County Democratic Party, says the election of Trump in 2016 was a huge wake-up call for Democrats to become involved in campaigns.

"We had over 100 people in our office that next week. They were dazed and confused and saying, 'Maybe I should have done more.' We were able to harness that energy and awareness in a positive way to get people to take action," Scrima said.

She said that was the good news four years ago.

She hopes the momentum continues, while Gross hangs onto hope for the Republican Party.

"In my life, and I'm 73, I've seen that young people tend to be liberal, and social conscious. But as they get older and pay taxes, their attitudes change," Gross said. "The pendulum swings back and forth."

Among voters in St. Joseph, Upton beat Democratic challenger Jon Hoadley, 2,437 to 2,383.

But voters in the city favored Democrat Gary Peters in the U.S. Senate race, 2,608 votes to John James' 2,290.

Republican 79th District State Rep. Pauline Wendzel handily won re-election. However, in St. Joseph she got 2,448 votes while Democrat Chokwe Pitchford received 2,489 votes.

Bette Pierman holds a sign backing President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris along Main Street in St. Joseph on Tuesday.

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SOUTH HAVEN SCHOOLS

District may seek extension of 2016 bond issue

If approved, levy would pay for $32-$35 million in improvements

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Six years ago, South Haven area voters put their stamp of approval on a $36.74 million bond issue to make $28 million worth of building and technology upgrades at South Haven High School, as well as some improvements to the district's other buildings.

At the time officials knew the bond issue wouldn't provide enough funding to pay for another laundry list of desired upgrades to buildings and athletic facilities.

So now district officials have come up with a proposal to extend the bond issue, approved in 2016, for another 30 years. In doing so, the district's current debt retirement fund levy would be reduced from 4.8 mills to 4.5 mills, according to District Superintendent Kevin Schooley.

The debt retirement fund consists of bond issue projects from 1991 (construction of Baseline Middle school), the 2003 construction of North Shore Elementary School and other elementary school upgrades, and the 2016, 30-year bond issue for building and technology upgrades, primarily at the high school.

When the 2016 bond issue was approved, owners of a $150,000 market-value home were assessed an additional $116 per year. That will continue for the duration of the 2016 bond issue. If the proposed bond issue extension gained voter approval, residents would continue to pay on the extension for an additional 30 years. However, rather than 4.8 mills it would be reduced to 4.5 mills.

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BENTON HARBOR SCHOOLS

Kinexus explores options to continue Bridge Academy

BH school board unhappy with talk of charter school

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor school board trustees weren't happy Tuesday night when they heard that a new charter school may be opening within the school district's boundaries.

They are considering asking state legislators to put a five-year moratorium on charter schools being approved within the school district.

"We're trying to survive and grow our student base," said President Joseph Taylor during the school board meeting. "... We don't really need another competitor coming in to take away our students."

Taylor identified Kinexus in Benton Harbor is the entity looking into forming a charter school.

When contacted after the meeting, Al Pscholka, vice president with Kinexus Group, said Kinexus is looking for ways to continue operating Bridge Academy, an alternative high school that serves students who were not successful in a traditional public school.

"This is for kids who have dropped out," he said. "Unfortunately, they're the forgotten children that are just out on the street and have nowhere to go. We've operated Bridge Academy very successfully to bring them in and, in a lot of cases, they graduate from high school, or they get a GED, or we get them into workforce programs where they can then find a career."

He said that Bridge Academy has always operated as an affiliate of a local school

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Fever, symptom screening misses many coronavirus cases

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

Temperature and COVID-19 symptom checks like the ones used at schools and doctor's offices have again proved inadequate for spotting coronavirus infections and preventing outbreaks.

A study of Marine recruits found that despite these measures and strict quarantines before they started training, the recruits spread the virus to others even though hardly any of them had symptoms. None of the infections were caught through symptom screening.

The study, published Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine, has implications for colleges, prisons, meatpacking plants and other places that rely on this sort of screening to detect infections and prevent outbreaks.

"We spent a lot of time putting measures like that in place and they're probably not worth the time as we had hoped," said Jodie Guest, a public health researcher at Atlanta's Emory University who had no role in the research.

"Routine testing seems to be better in this age group" because younger adults often have no symptoms, she said.

The study was led by researchers from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York and the Naval Medical Research Center.

It involved 1,848 Marine recruits, about 90 percent of them men, who were told to isolate themselves for two weeks at home, then in a supervised military quarantine at a closed college campus, The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, for two more weeks. That included having a single roommate, wearing masks, keeping at least 6 feet apart and doing most training outdoors. They also had daily fever and symptom checks.

The recruits were tested for coronavirus when they arrived for the military

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quarantine and 7 and 14 days afterward. Sixteen, or about 1 percent, tested positive on arrival and only one had any symptoms. Another 35 – an additional 2 percent – tested positive during the two-week military quarantine and only four had symptoms.

Only recruits who tested negative at the end of both quarantine periods were allowed to go on to Parris Island for basic training.

Genetic testing revealed six separate clusters of cases among the recruits.

"A lot of the infection that occurs, we don't even realize it is occurring," said one study leader, Navy Cmdr. Andrew Letizia, a doctor at the Naval Medical Research Center.

The quarantine measures and adherence to them were far more strict than what would occur at a typical college campus, said another study leader, Mount Sinai's Dr. Stuart Sealfon.

"This is a really infectious virus. You really need to use a combination of good public health measures, temperature checks, mask wearing, social distancing, hand washing ... and comprehensive testing" to prevent spread, he said.

Previously, federal officials said a screening project to check temperatures and symptoms at U.S. airports caught fewer than 15 cases out of 675,000 travelers. It's not known how many cases were missed, just that very few were detected.

A separate study published Wednesday in the New England journal reports on an outbreak last spring on the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt. Among the crew of 4,779, mostly young people, 1,271 became infected; 77 percent did not show symptoms when diagnosed and 55 percent never developed any.

The case shows that "young, healthy persons can contribute to community spread of infection, often silently," Dr. Nelson Michael of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research wrote in a commentary.

Lolita Baldor / AP

Quarantine tents set up for recruits arriving at the Marine Corps' Parris Island Recruit Depot, S.C. on May 27. The tents were used until earlier in the week and now recruits go through quarantine at the Citadel, the Marine college in Charleston, S.C.

LOTTERIES

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
06-19-26-27-34-38
Poker Lotto
KC-KD-KH-6D-2H
Midday Daily 3
0-1-5
Midday Daily 4
6-9-3-4
Daily 3
2-4-5
Daily 4
0-6-3-5
Fantasy 5
01-04-06-35-37
Keno
03-04-07-16-24-32-35-36-41-43-45-48-51-52-57-62-65-66-67-72-78-79
Mega Millions jackpot
$165 million
Powerball jackpot
$158 million

Tuesday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
04-33-38-41-43
Cash4Life
14-19-26-36-43, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
03-08-17-23-33-37-50-52-55-58-59-61-63-64-68-70-73-74-79-80, BE: 79
Daily Three-Midday
0-6-5, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
1-9-2, SB: 7
Daily Four-Midday
5-7-7-3, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
8-1-6-7, SB: 7
Quick Draw Evening
01-02-03-11-12-15-22-24-25-27-33-37-39-42-45-62-63-64-69-70, BE: 33
Mega Millions
23-45-53-58-62, Mega Ball: 13, Megaplier: 5

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
02-15-29-30-45
Estimated jackpot
$850,000
Pick Three-Midday
3-5-2, Fireball: 9
Pick Three-Evening
3-0-4, Fireball: 3
Pick Four-Midday
5-3-9-6, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Evening
4-0-8-3, Fireball: 7
Lucky Day Lotto
04-15-17-23-26
Estimated jackpot
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AP EXPLAINS

Election's validity intact despite Trump claims

By NOMAAN MERCHANT
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A group of Japanese nationals gather on the streets of Scranton, Pa., to show their support for President Donald Trump on Monday.

The U.S. presidential election was not tainted by widespread voter fraud or irregularities in how ballots were counted, despite a huge effort by President Donald Trump to prove otherwise.

In refusing to concede the election, Trump claims that he would have won were it not for "illegal" votes counted in several states that he lost or where he is currently trailing. But Trump and his allies haven't offered any proof, and their legal challenges have largely been rejected by the courts.

Nonpartisan investigations of previous elections have found that voter fraud is exceedingly rare. State officials from both parties, as well as international observers, have also stated that the 2020 election went well.

A look at the election and the allegations Trump has made:

How many people voted this year?

More than 150 million people voted in the presidential election. As of Wednesday, President-elect Joe Biden had received over 5 million more votes than Trump.

Biden has 290 votes in the Electoral College to Trump's 217. Trump added three votes when he won Alaska on Wednesday. The Associated Press has not yet determined the winner in Georgia or North Carolina.

Of the states Trump has most targeted as allegedly tainted by fraud, Biden holds small but significant leads in all of them. The Democrat leads in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

How did the election go?

Several states successfully enacted voting measures during the coronavirus pandemic. The Democratic stronghold of California improved its mail-in balloting system, for example, and delivered as expected for Biden. But Trump easily won reliably Republican Nebraska, North Dakota and Montana, all states that also significantly expanded voting by mail this year.

Two decades after it was at the center of a disputed recount, Florida has adopted early voting and allowed voters to cast absentee ballots without having an excuse. The AP called Florida for Trump at 12:35 a.m. last Wednesday.

Vote counting was slow in three Midwestern states that went for Trump four years ago and flipped to Biden this time: the "blue wall" of Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. That's because of an increase in mail-in ballots, which the Biden campaign pushed its supporters to use as a safety measure because of the pandemic. Trump baselessly argued that mail-in ballots were subject to fraud and encouraged his supporters to show up to vote in person on Election Day.

As a result, Trump led all three states in Election Day voting, but those leads were erased as mail-in ballots were counted.

All three states largely ignored advice from nonpartisan observers to expand the window for counting mail-in ballots before Election Day. Michigan gave election officials one day, and Pennsylvania and Wisconsin did not allow counting beforehand. All three states have Republican legislatures.

What is Trump challenging?

The Trump campaign has filed more than a dozen lawsuits in at least five states. Late Tuesday, the campaign said it filed a new one in Michigan alleging, in part, that their poll watchers were harassed or turned away; the suit asked the secretary of state not to certify the election results. Included in the suit were affidavits from poll watchers who alleged they were kept too far away or that they were targets of intimidation.

Poll watchers have no role in counting votes.

The campaign has challenged a ruling by Pennsylvania's Supreme Court allowing election officials to accept mail-in ballots up to three days after the election as long as those ballots were postmarked by Election Day. And it has challenged the secretary of state over instructing counties that voters whose absentee ballots were rejected could cast a provisional ballot.

Trump has won one victory so far: A state court ruled his campaign observers had to be allowed closer to the actual vote counting. That ruling had no impact on the outcome of the race.

Four other campaign suits have been dismissed. Others are pending.

On Monday, his campaign sued to force Pennsylvania not to certify the results of the election altogether. The 85-page lawsuit itself contained no evidence of voter fraud, other than a smattering of allegations such as an election worker in Chester County altering "over-voted" ballots by changing votes that had been marked for Trump to another candidate.

Democratic leaders in the state accused Trump of trying to disenfranchise voters and overturn an election he lost.

What are Trump's allies saying?

Trump's lawyers and campaign staff say that the election is not over and that they are investigating claims in several states, though they continue to lack any evidence of widespread fraud that affected the outcome of the race. Top Republicans have supported the president's efforts to fight the election results in court.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Trump was "100 percent within his rights to look into allegations of irregularities and weigh his legal options." Attorney General William Barr authorized the Justice Department to investigate "clear and apparently-credible allegations of irregularities."

What happens next?

All disputes over the counts in each state must be complete by Dec. 8. Members of the Electoral College vote on Dec. 14. The House and Senate hold a joint session on Jan. 6, 2021, to count the electoral votes in each state.

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St. Joseph voters also slightly preferred Democrat Rayonte Bell, with 2,361 votes, over Republican Bruce Gorenflo, with 2,350 votes, for a seat on the Berrien County Board of Commissioners. That race ended in a tie and remains undecided.

And in the biggest race, St. Joseph voters by a wide margin chose President-elect Joe Biden running mate Kamala Harris, over Trump and Vice President Mike Pence, 2,854 to 2,066.

Straight party ticket ballots in the city totaled 1,330 for Democrats, just slightly higher than 1,327 for Republicans.

Dr. Eric Lester, chairman emeritus of the Berrien County Democratic Party, has deep roots in St. Joseph, where his grandparents lived on Niles Avenue.

"St. Joseph has always been a place of good, solid, thoughtful people. It's also been Republican from time out of mind," Lester said in a phone interview. "It's the habit of people in St. Joseph to think, and I believe Republicans have become very distant from aspects of the truth, even before Donald Trump."

He said people recognize that climate change is a huge problem and threatening to the globe.

"I think when Republicans became, to most observers, bought by big oil interests, it became an untenable situation for many Republicans," Lester said. "The people of St. Joseph see this and they don't tolerate it. I think 2016 brought a sea of change in this area and others."

He said that when the Democratic Party opened a full-time, permanent office in St. Joseph in 2015 and gathered for the 2016 election, "It was quite a shock to see Trump winning." Prior to opening the permanent office, the Democrats had pop-up offices in various areas of Berrien County.

"You need a physical space to gather and have meetings, and once we're done with COVID, we'll have that again," Lester said.

He noted that the Democrats are outgrowing the St. Joseph office on Niles Avenue, and, "I'd love to see full-time places in Niles, Benton Harbor and Berrien Springs."

Regarding St. Joseph having gone blue in 2018, and continuing that trend this election, Lester said that for him, the ideal color would be purple.

"We need a political life in Berrien County that is honest, open, transparent and thrives on discussions of public policy so we decide how we as a people are going to help each other," he said.

He also noted changes to the St. Joseph City Commission over the past few years. Commissioners run as nonpartisan, but historically, they have been mostly Republicans.

In 2017, Laura Goos and Peggy Getty, both liberals, were elected to the city commission.

St. Joseph Mayor Mike Garey said he is more conservative, but Goos and Getty have brought a valuable balance to the commission.

"Everyone brings life experiences to the table, and that's a different flavor from previous commissions. We operate so well because we're nonpartisan. He can have honest conversations and speak as a nonpartisan city commission," Garey said.

He said he has been a long-time Republican but, "I classify myself as a fiscal conservative and social liberal."

Garey believes that the lack of leadership from the White House regarding the COVID-19 crisis led to St. Joseph becoming "pretty purple."

"We've had job losses, people are suffering financially and businesses are suffering. That transcends traditional politics," he said.

"President Trump has an unusual style. People appreciated his agenda, but grew weary of his tweet storms and some of the things he would say. He took every slight as a personal insult, and his personal anger diverted from policy," Garey said. "I think he did do some positive things, but they were lost in all the clutter and noise, and his tweet storms about things that weren't relevant."

Garey believes that Joe Biden being elected president and Fred Upton being sent back to Congress for another term will make for a good combination.

"They know each other. They've worked together. And it's great when our congressman has the ear of the president," Garey said. "They know and respect each other. This will be good for St. Joseph and for Southwest Michigan.

Although Democratic and Republican Party offices are operating with limited hours during the COVID-19 pandemic, both remain accessible.

Gross said people can contact the Berrien County Republican Party by calling 983-6303, or send a message through the party's website, beriencountygop.org. Gross said if there is no answer, callers should leave a message and someone will return their call.

Scrima said anyone wanting to get involved with Berrien County Democrats can call 588-3300 and leave a message, or send an email to info@berriendems.org.

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VB/Cass health department shifts contact tracing priorities

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
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HARTFORD — The Van Buren/Cass District Health Department (VBCDHD) announced Wednesday that it will shift its contact tracing strategy as well, following the move of Berrien County earlier this week.

"Recent cases have reported numerous close contacts making contact tracing efforts difficult to sustain. Even with assistance from partner organizations and increased staffing, capacity has been reached. Individuals and their close contacts may not receive a phone call from the VBCDHD," officials wrote in a news release.

The health department will focus its efforts on containing potential outbreaks by continuing case investigation and contact tracing in nursing homes, hospitals, and schools, as well as clusters identified as priority by VBCDHD such as high-risk congregate settings; and assisting businesses with COVID-related issues.

Cass County recorded 27 new COVID-19 cases on Wednesday, while Van Buren County added 63. One new death was recorded in each county, bringing Cass County's death toll to 26, and Van Buren's to 21.

"We are counting on our entire community to help stop the spread and slow the infection until we can access other tools for prevention, like a vaccine," Larry Wile, medical director for the VBCHD, said in the release. "We ask everyone be ready to take action on their own if they test positive for COVID-19. Isolating and notifying your close contacts are critical to containing the spread within our community."

Those who test positive should isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms, or 10 days from the day a positive test sample was collected if they don't have symptoms.

After 10 days, if symptoms have improved and you are fever free without the use of medications, it is OK to return to normal activities. If you are still feeling sick, please consult with a medical professional, as some people can be contagious for a longer period. If symptoms improve and you are fever free without the use of medications, it is OK to return to normal activities after 10 days.

Those who test positive should also notify all of their close contacts and ask them to quarantine. A close contact includes people you have been within 6 feet of for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting two days before symptoms began, or for COVID-positive individuals without symptoms, two days prior to when your test sample was collected.

Close contacts should self-quarantine for 14 days from their last contact to you while you were considered contagious and monitor for symptoms.

If symptoms arise, get tested, according to the health department.

The health department noted that receiving a negative COVID-19 test result after exposure does not mean that you will not develop symptoms or test positive at a future time within your quarantine period. Close contacts need to complete the full 14-day quarantine period even if they do not develop symptoms or test negative.

Wile said Wednesday that CDC and state guidance have not changed.

"Wearing masks and social distancing are imperative if we are going to eliminate coronavirus. Stay home if you are sick and stay away from social gatherings, especially with people outside of your household and if masking and social distancing is not happening," he said.

If you need an isolation or quarantine letter for your employer, call the VBCDHD at 269-621-3143, option 0.

For COVID-19 testing locations and more information, visit www.vbcassdhd.org.

Berrien County update

Berrien County recorded three more COVID-19 deaths Wednesday, bringing the county's death toll to 92.

All the deaths are still people over the age of 40.

In addition Wednesday, the county added 62 new COVID-19 cases and seven presumed positive cases.

Recoveries did outpace new cases Wednesday, adding 135.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 539 active cases. That's down from 615 on Tuesday, but still up from 402 last Wednesday and 367 the Wednesday before that.

Spectrum Health Lakeland had 47 COVID-19 patients admitted Wednesday morning. That's been steady over the last few days, but up from 33 last Wednesday.

Closures

The Benton Harbor Public Library scaled back its services and closed the inside of its building to the public this week, while the St. Joseph library extended its inside closure.

Both libraries are offering pickup, printing and fax services curbside, and are available by phone during business hours.

To reach the Benton Harbor library, call 926-6139 or visit bentonharborlibrary.com.

To reach the St. Joseph library, call 983-7167.

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VETERANS HONORED

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Jane Cunningham, center, National Defense chairperson for the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, is joined by Raylene Izak as she talks about her father, Donald Godfrey, 86, left, of Stevensville, and the time he served in the U.S. Air Force in Korea. She was speaking Wednesday during a Veterans Day ceremony held along the bluff in downtown St. Joseph.

RIGHT: Ninety-nine American flags wave in the wind Wednesday on Veterans Day at the American Legion Post 568 in Stevensville. **FAR RIGHT:** A Color Guard, from the American Legion Post 85 in Berrien Springs, attends a Veterans Day ceremony held along the bluff in St. Joseph on Wednesday.

BH waits for boil water order to end

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — The boil water advisory for Benton Harbor, which went into effect almost a week ago, is expected to end soon, perhaps even today, according to an update issued late Wednesday.

Mayor Marcus Muhammad said the city is working with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy to make sure the water is safe to drink.

He posted on his Facebook page Wednesday part of an email from Ernie Sarkipato, surface water treatment specialist with EGLE.

"At this time we have received negative test for bacteria and evidence of a good chlorine residual at some locations in the system," the email read. "These suggest there was not contamination in the system, at least at the locations where the samples were taken."

But there were still some neighborhoods that needed to be tested.

"Until the entire process is completed, ... the water boil advisory remains in effect," Muhammad said when contacted by phone Wednesday. "If one person is at risk, or one household is at risk, that's enough to alert everyone."

Benton Harbor residents first learned Friday that due to a chemical feed interruption at the city's water treatment plant, the drinking water could be contaminated by bacteria. Even though the error at the water treatment plant was immediately fixed, the city needed to flush the water lines and test the water to make certain it was safe to drink.

Complicating the matter is that the city is already under a public advisory for having higher-than-acceptable levels of lead in some of its drinking water, and boiling can concentrate any lead in the water.

The Berrien County Health Department held a virtual press conference with city officials and EGLE on Friday, telling residents that they need to first filter the water to get the lead out and then boil it to remove any bacteria.

Muhammad said that so far, no bacterial contamination has been found and no one has reported illness from bacteria in the city's drinking water.

The initial announcements late Thursday night and Friday stated that the chemical feed interruption lasted for two hours and was immediately fixed, but didn't say when the interruption occurred.

Since then, a two-page "Frequently Asked Questions" from EGLE was posted on the city's website, which states that the problem at the water plant happened Wednesday morning, with the state being notified of the problem Thursday afternoon. A news release of the problem was sent to media at 11 p.m. Thursday night.

Muhammad said he's grateful that no one got sick from this incident. But he said that it points out a communication problem the city has with the residents.

"There has to be a way to inform people of facts and tough truths without leaving people in limbo or afraid," he said. "... I found out through ABC57. We have to have a better way to get the word out."

Meanwhile, Berrien County Health Officer Nicki Britten spoke with members of the Berrien County Personnel and Human Services Committee on Tuesday about hiring an additional person to handle the Benton Harbor water filter program. Since the city was put under an advisory in October 2018 for having higher-that-acceptable levels of lead in its drinking water, the health department has offered free water filters to residents, which have cartridges that have to periodically be changed.

The need for another person is more urgent now because she said that all residents with water filters should replace the cartridges within two weeks of the boil water order being lifted. She said that if bacteria was present, it would reduce the life of the cartridge.

The person currently in the position is a temporary worker and due to county policies, is not allowed to work more than 999 hours in one fiscal year, which ends Dec. 31. She said that person has about 40 hours left.

She said it will be a huge undertaking to get 2,000 filters out to residents in the next couple of weeks. And with her staff overwhelmed with the COVID-19 pandemic, she said this is not something that another staff person can be assigned to do.

But she said this position will last much longer than two weeks. She said she expects Benton Harbor residents to need water filters for at least 18 more months.

She said that the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is paying for the water filters and the replacement cartridges. When she spoke to them about the staffing problem, they agreed to pay $65,000 for someone to be hired.

Berrien County Commissioner Teri Freehling, who is on the committee, said she supports hiring another person as long as the grant funding lasts.

"This is an emergency happening in one of our communities and we need to support what efforts need to be done, however that has to be done through the mechanisms we have in place," she said.

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A warning about Readers' Choice plaques

By HP STAFF

Last week, The Herald-Palladium announced the winners of our annual Readers' Choice awards. Readers voted for their favorite places and people in Southwest Michigan in categories such as food, shopping and services.

It has come to our attention that an out-of-town company is sending emails to winners of the contest offering plaques for sale.

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IN BRIEF

Niles gas station robbed, clerk assaulted

NILES — Police are investigating a robbery that happened at a gas station in Niles early Wednesday morning.

Niles police were called at 12:33 a.m. to the Admiral Gas Station at 640 Chicago Road. A clerk told police that two people came into the store and one assaulted her before taking money from the cash register. After a brief conversation between the alleged robbers and the clerk, they made off with some merchandise.

Police said no weapons were displayed during the incident. The clerk received minor injuries, according to police.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Niles Police Department, 269-683-1313.

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Trump-GOP marriage heading toward ugly divorce

Jonah Goldberg

Bad marriages usually lead to ugly divorces, and that's where the GOP is heading.

After Donald Trump secured the Republican nomination in 2016, the word went forth on the right: It's a binary choice. You're either for Hillary or you're for Trump. I never agreed with this reasoning, but in a two-party system the claim was defensible. The peculiar thing is that even after he was elected, the "binary choice" bullying never went away; it just changed from "Hillary or Trump" to "for Trump or against him."

There were left-wing and right-wing versions of this all-or-nothing mentality, the former requiring total resistance to all things Trump, the latter total support. But it was the right-wing version that probably cost Trump the election. And it's now threatening to tear apart the GOP.

On cable TV, talk radio and right-wing web platforms that dedicated themselves to round-the-clock Trump support, Trump's minor successes were celebrated as unprecedented victories. His major successes were offered as proof of the president's almost superhuman qualities. His failures were usually explained in one of two ways. They were either proof of his four-dimensional chess master genius – just wait, this is part of his master plan! – or evidence that powerful, sinister forces were undermining him: the "deep state," the establishment, the "fake news" media, the cultural Marxists, the military-industrial complex, the "never Trump" fifth columnists or a combination thereof.

Because Trump's narcissism was so profound, he responded to criticism with the political equivalent of a nuclear counterstrike. And because Trump's insecurity was infectious, his fan base – which had outsize power in primaries – would follow suit. This ensured that most Republican politicians shouted their praise of Trump and muzzled their criticism.

The same dynamic applied to most right-of-center media and many conservative institutions. Kellyanne Conway may have been joking in 2017 when she said CPAC (the Conservative Political Action Conference) was now TPAC, but it didn't take long for her observation to seem prophetic.

Institutionalized Trump narcissism probably cost him the election, because the superhuman image he insisted his loyalists embrace never reflected the reality on the ground. Many Republicans were in fact not that into him. They liked the judges, the tax cuts, even some of the "own the libs" bombast. But they were turned off by the self-indulgence, the conspiracy theorizing and the constant need for praise and attention. Still, few conservative politicians or media figures were willing to say so. Trump believed his most fawning media, and his fawning media told him again and again, "Never change."

The result was a massive turnout of anti-Trump voting. The bulk of it manifested as historic turnout among Democrats enraged by four years of being trolled by the president. But a significant chunk of it took the form of Republicans or Republican-leaning voters who split their tickets or declined to vote for the top of the ticket. In normal times, if you're willing to vote for a Republican governor, senator or congressman, you are by definition a gettable vote for a Republican presidential candidate. But Trump lost in many states where other Republicans won. It's true, as Trump says, that he got more votes than any Republican president; he just didn't get enough of them.

To the extent that there is any good faith to the false claims the Democrats stole the election, it can be explained by the fact that many Republicans, including Trump himself, believed the pro-Trump propaganda they've been fed for four years. If you actually think the president can't lose, that the American people are with him and that the shadowy forces he was battling are real, why wouldn't you scoff at the idea Biden won?

But Biden did win. And that fact is shattering the Temple of the Binary Choice on the right.

For four years, Donald Trump was president, which also meant he was the de facto head of the Republican Party. This allowed the acolytes of Trumpism – however you want to define that sloppy term – to marry Trumpism, nationalism, patriotism, populism, tribalism, MAGA, etc., to old-fashioned party loyalty.

That marriage is over now. And the breakup is ugly and revealing in its ugliness. For many, Trumpism wasn't about the party. For a few, it wasn't even about the country. It was about him. His infectious narcissism and incessant victimhood fueled this cult of personality, which he valued more than the office he held. Trump has lost his grip on the office, but he's doing everything he can to hold on to the cult by claiming he was robbed. It remains to be seen how many people he'll take with him. But we can be sure the answer will be "too many."

Jonah Goldberg is editor-in-chief of The Dispatch and the host of The Remnant podcast.

LETTERS

A love letter to President Trump

Dear President Trump. How do we love thee? Let us count the ways. In the U.S. there are 150 million eligible voters and about 70 million of us supported you. What is it that we Americans love about you?

We love the way you denigrate women, bragging how you grab them. Some 26 women have accused you of either rape or sexual assault? Only 26. At least it's not 260. They're all lying, right?

Your tireless fight against the enviro-wimps and their fake "climate change" keeps us faithful. We love our polluted air, toxic water and rising sea levels.

We admire your character, exemplified by your $130,000 check to a porn star you had sex with while your wife was in hospital with a newborn. Ha, what a character!

Perhaps we love you for your generosity shown by your Trump Foundation, which was ordered dissolved by the courts for misusing funds for political and personal gain.

We also admire your commitment to quality education. Your Trump University bilked students out of thousands of dollars and was dissolved after settling $25 million in lawsuits alleging illegal business practices, false claims and racketeering. And we love your statement that "I love the uneducated."

By overcoming the fake COVID-19 through the sheer power of you masculinity and your artful management of the pandemic, you let it only kill 230,000 Americans instead of trillions.

The 500 Mile Wall? That's it. We just love those 5 miles of new wall. Thank you Mexico, for paying for it.

So many reasons, so little space. Let's not forget your tariffs on China. Love that price increase in washing machines.

And your intangible virtues: patriotism and the grit to lead our nation as commander in chief.

We Trump supporters honor our brave Vietnam vets by honoring you who avoided that war because of bone spurs.

And of course we are inspired by your brave words that veterans of wars who died were "suckers and losers."

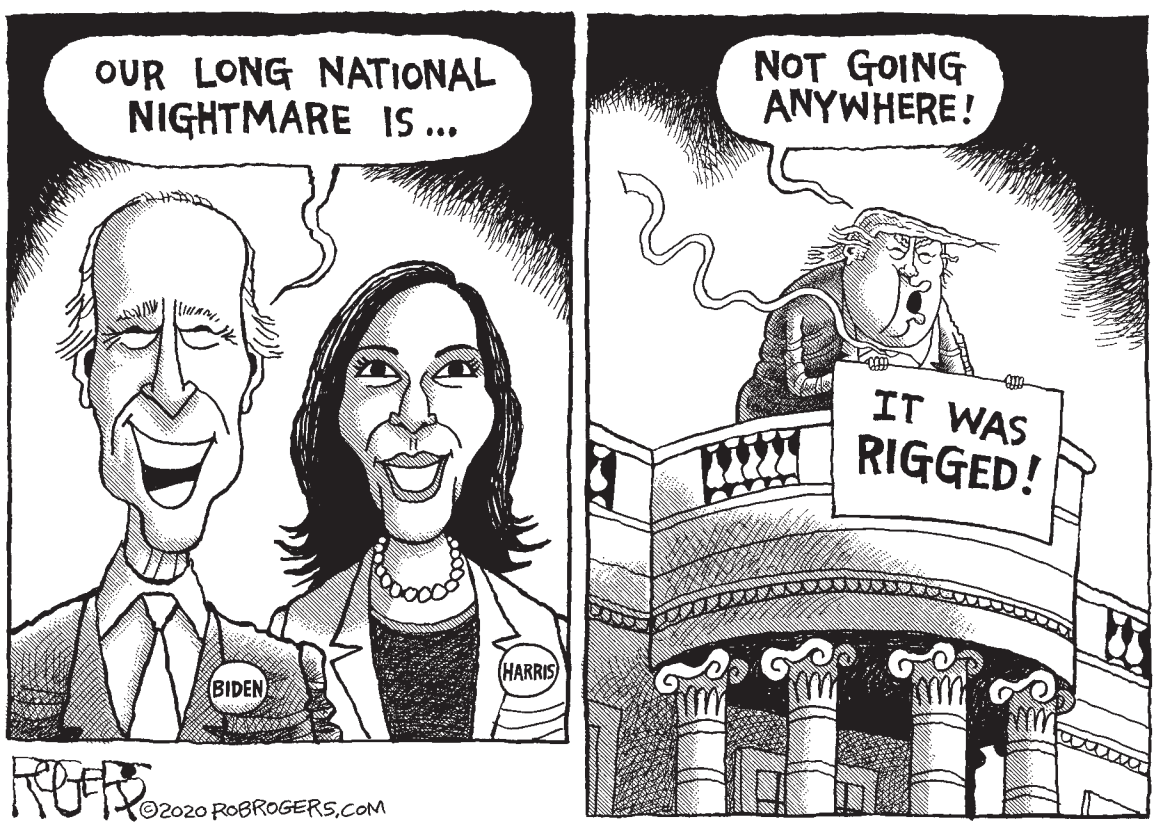
And for your disrespect of American hero POW and Sen. John McCain. "I like people who weren't captured," you so eloquently said.

Ah, freedom-loving words from you, the man for whom we 70 million Americans voted.

Your steadfast refusal to condemn white supremacy is certainly a profile in courage for us.

And your admiration and support of strongmen dictators such as Putin demonstrates your desire to emulate their power and authority and make America stronger. Gotta love that, right?

What about your business acumen? That's why we elected you! Your businesses only declared bankruptcy six times. And we all know how difficult it is to make a profit from casinos. Too many customers winning!



And at last, we love you, Mr. President, for your defense of democracy and our cherished American voting process. Every vote counts and the American people declare who wins the presidency.

We count the ways we love you. Just don't count those votes.

Lawrence Rudmann
St. Joseph

Unity needs to work both ways

Editor,

President-elect Biden addressed the nation calling for unity and seeks a peaceful transition to office. He calls on Republicans to set aside the division of the past four years.

"Let this grim era of demonization in America begin to end here and now." I remember the left ignoring Trump's pleas to unite the country.

Yes, I remember the peaceful transition of power and the support Democrats afforded President Trump when he took office and the endless cycle of plots to remove him from office. I remember Democrats and media using Alinsky tactics to distract, defame, demoralize, and immobilize President Trump and his administration. I remember the leftist media posting numerous false stories meant to make Trump administration look bad.

I remember the rants "not my president." I remember Democrats boycotting President Trump's inauguration. I remember the Democrats who never accepted the legitimacy of Trump's stunning 2016 defeat of Hillary Clinton, and for the better part of two years claimed his presidency was illegitimate. I remember Democrats starting impeachment proceedings before Trump was even in office. I remember the fake Steele dossier which was developed and paid for by the Democrats. I remember the Russian collusion hoax that consumed a full three years and millions of dollars and took away valuable time from the administration.

I remember Democrats using the intelligence arm of our government to plant a spy inside the presidential campaign. I remember the Democrats attempts to impeach Trump for campaign finance violations, obstruction of justice, money laundering, treason, for revoking security clearances of people no longer in the government, the emoluments clause, and let's not forget impeachment for quid pro quo. Yes, even an attempt to impeach Trump for pulling out of Syria after the stated mission of eradicating ISIS was complete.

I remember Democrats boycotting Trump's State of the Union speech. I remember Democrats awful personal attacks, without evidence, against Judge Kavanaugh and calls for a boycott for Judge Barrett's hearing.

I remember the Democrats and media's horrible and personal attacks on our First Lady Melania and their son Barron. I remember Democrats insisting that Trump be removed from office under the 25th Amendment.

I remember the left using social media, Twitter, Facebook, to silence conservative views.

Yes, Biden has called for unity yet at the same time the Democrats are compiling a list of people who staffed for, donated to, or even endorsed President Donald Trump and his administration, saying, "The world should never forget those."

So, I call on all Republicans, to afford Biden, the same support and peaceful transition to office, that they themselves afforded President Trump. But Democrats claim this all happened in the past and we must forget the past treatment and look to unite.

Dennis Barnes
Baroda

Losing isn't easy for Trump

Editor,

There has been an election and to a plurality of voters it seems Mr. Biden has become president-elect of our country. One of the obstacles seems to be the president's obsession with not losing and to be deemed a "loser."

In all the elections from the birth of our nation there has been a winner and obviously there has been a loser in every election until now.

There have been reports that some of the presidential staff is advising the president to concede, seemingly to be a hard task to bear.

I alone (being facetious here) have a solution. Someone, Mark Meadows perhaps (after his quarantine for COVID-19) or perhaps Ivanka or Jared (Javanka) should tell him he did not "lose," but instead he came in second and Joe Biden came in next to last. Maybe that will soothe his ego.

As the president-elect might say, "Look, its worth a shot."

Robert Becker
Watervliet

Trump's behavior comes as no surprise

Editor,

Is anyone really surprised at Donald Trump's reaction to losing the presidency? You shouldn't be. He'd not only been planning for this outcome, but also talking about the impending fraudulent election before it even began. If there was fraud, why was it only in the states in which he was losing?

Doesn't anyone remember his tactics before the 2016 election? Let me remind you – he was trying to discredit the election process, saying that it would be unfair to him – in the event of a loss. Surprisingly, all of his concerns were never mentioned again after he won the presidency. Like his evaluation of COVID-19, his complaints "disappeared like magic."

Does it shock you that he's creating chaos, making baseless accusations and engaging in frivolous litigation in an attempt to discredit the democratic process? It shouldn't. His behavior has always been childish, churlish and predictable when things don't go his way. Temper tantrums at his age are pitiful. A few additional adjectives regarding his conduct come to mind: sad, pathetic, deceitful and divisive. Nothing new.

His lust for power and contempt for democracy have landed him exactly where he should be – out of office. America deserves better, and it will come to fruition (after a long four years) with a decent, honorable, intelligent and mature president in Joe Biden.

Kay Schultz
Benton Harbor

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Email: letters@TheHP.com

Regular mail: Editorial Page, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085

All letters should include a daytime telephone number and street address for verification. Letters must be 500 words or fewer. The Herald-Palladium reserves the right to edit letters for length, style, grammar, inappropriate content and libel. Anonymous letters will not be published.

Campaign donations are a waste of money

Editor,

Well, I guess it is pretty much over, but I think all the voters who voted and donated to their party of choice should be ashamed. it cost this country more than $3 billion to get some fool into a $400,000-a-year job.

Every dime that was spent is now worthless; it has zero value, when that money could have gone to so many good places. So for those who donated, I don't want to hear that the government failed. We as a nation failed to put our money to good use. Rather then help buy PPE, respirators, try to find a vaccine, help feed the less fortunate, the donors chose to flush it down the toilet, and that goes for both sides of the aisle.

Gary Horton
Stevensville

Kneeling for anthem showed disrespect

Editor,

We completely agree with Tyler Streu who wrote a letter for the Nov. 7-8 Herald-Palladium about his disgust and embarrassment over Coloma athletes kneeling during the national anthem. It is not only inappropriate and disrespectful but shows complete lack of patriotism for our country.

These students have not lived long enough to appreciate this great country. It does make us wonder what the students are being taught these days in history and government.

Perhaps they need to travel to other countries around the world so they can appreciate what we have. Have they ever asked why so many people want and try to come here?

It's time for the board of education, faculty and staff to step up and stop condoning this disrespect.

If we see more of this, it will be time to boycott athletics. By the way, we vote! We've supported millage and bond issues in the past, but that can easily change.

Dick and Shirley Moeckel
Coloma

OBITUARIES

Georgietta (Schiman) Breunling

July 26, 1932 – Nov. 8, 2020

Getta passed away peacefully Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020, in St Joseph at the age of 88.

Getta was born in Traverse City, Mich.

She graduated from St. Joe High School in 1950.

In 1954, Getta married Erwin "Brit" Breunling at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Benton Harbor. They lived for a time in Niles before returning to her beloved St. Joe in 1967.

Getta and Brit shared a long and happy life together until his passing in 2012. Together they raised two sons: Randy and Michael. She was a devoted and loving wife and mother. Her family was the most important thing in her life.

Throughout Getta's life she also enjoyed working. She spent many years at two well-known area clothing stores: Petite Shop in Benton Harbor and Dotty's Chapeaux Boutique in St. Joe. She helped her father, Bill, at his bakery (Schiman's Bakery) and later at his coffee and donut shop, both in Benton Harbor.

She worked for several years at Shepherd Casters. Her love of cooking and baking eventually led to her home-based baking business selling made-to-order cakes for holidays and special events.

Getta's faith was a strong influence in her life, and she was a long-time member of Grace Lutheran Church in St. Joe. In addition, she had a deep love of her country and for those who served, and for years wrote letters to Gold Star family members.

She lived her final years at the Whitcomb in the company of the many friends she made there. She enjoyed walking through downtown St. Joe and along the bluff, and was a regular attendee at the summer band concerts. She always looked forward to frequent visits from family and friends.

Getta is preceded in death by Brit, her husband of 58 years.

She is survived by her sons; Michael (Debbie) and Randy (Carla); grandchildren: Kendra (Stephen) and Kyle; and great-grandson, James. She is also survived by her sister, JoAnn Siewert; and many nieces and nephews: including Jeffrey Siewert, and locally, Steve and Kay Breunling.

Getta was a fun and energetic spirit. We will miss her twinkling smile and wonderful laugh and all the love she showered on her family.

We would like to extend our deepest thanks and gratitude to the staff of the Whitcomb for providing Getta such wonderful care and support.

Due to COVID-19 considerations, there will be a brief viewing beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph. Graveside services will follow at 2 p.m. at Riverview Cemetery in St. Joe.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the following: Grace Lutheran Church, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund.

Those wishing to sign Getta's memory book online or to view her graveside service (not livestreamed) can do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Rodney Chevrette

Jan. 4, 1932 – Nov. 7, 2020

Rodney Peter Chevrette passed away Nov. 7, 2020, at home.

A celebration of life service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Steve Hartten officiating.

Rodney was born on Jan. 4, 1932, to Edward and Olga (Juhola) Chevrette in Negaunee, Mich.

He married Evelyn Anttila on April 8, 1950, in Ishpeming, Mich. A devoted husband, he was attentive and uplifting throughout the 70 years he enjoyed with his wife.

Prior to retiring at the age of 58 from his job at Hy Firehammer, he was a maintenance supervisor at Michigan Standard Alloys for eight years. One of his early jobs was working as a long-haul truck driver. It was good work, but over time, Rodney decided that being present with his family was more important. So he left his job as a trucker and began his work in maintenance to be closer to his family.

Rodney was known for his wit, humor, and devotion to his family. He was especially proud of his three children and grandchildren. He had a love of gardening, enchanted by all things green, and was always seen with a pair of pruners in hand. This passion for greenery brought him to winter in West Palm Beach, Fla., for 30 years. Rodney was able to skillfully repair anything in or around the house, whether it was plumbing, electrical, or under the hood of a car.

Rodney is survived by his wife, Evelyn; children: Alan (Kathy) Chevrette of St. Joseph and Susan Chevrette of West Palm Beach; daughter-in-law, Sherry Chevrette of Coloma; grandchildren: Cindy (Jonathan) Koch of Benton Harbor, Lisa Wojcik of Peoria, Ariz., Scott Howell of Benton Harbor, and Aaron (Terah) Howell of Coloma; and brother, Thomas Chevrette of Negaunee.

Rodney was preceded in death by his oldest son, James Chevrette, and grandson, James Chevrette Jr.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mayo Clinic – Pulmonary Center, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN 55905.

Those wishing to share a memory of Rodney online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Death notices

Georgietta Breunling, 88, of St. Joseph died Nov. 8, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Bruce Brown, 57, of Battle Creek died Nov. 9, 2020, at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Dorothy J. Campbell, 76, of Benton Harbor died Nov 10, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Marlene Cassidy, 76, of Covert died Nov. 2, 2020. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Derrick D. Clay, 17, of Benton Harbor died Nov. 10, 2020, at Spectrum Health Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181

Donald J. Cuchinski, 68, of St. Joseph died Nov. 6, 2020, at home. Fairplain Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Benton Harbor, 926-7222.

Brown FuMark Gast, 71, of Niles died Nov. 9, 2020, at West Woods of Niles. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Kathy D. Glenn, 57, of Indianapolis died Nov. 9, 2020, at Community Hospital East, Indianapolis. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Chester Leshman of Three Oaks died Nov. 10, 2020. Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Vernon Elmer Mueller, 88, of Baroda died Nov. 10, 2020. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Leslie Richmond, 90, of Benton Harbor died Nov. 8, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Fairplain Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Benton Harbor, 926-7222.

Betty J. Smith, 89, of Watervliet died Nov. 10, 2020 at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Ruth Esther Woods, 92, of Berrien Springs died Nov. 9, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Brandi Yeomans, 30, of Niles died Nov. 10, 2020, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka, Ind. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Helen Bush

Dec. 26, 1922 – Nov. 6, 2020

Helen Maxine (Kindle) Bush, 97, of Cassopolis passed away Friday, Nov. 6, 2020, at Royalton Manor, St. Joseph.

Helen was born Dec. 26, 1922, in Washington, D.C., the daughter of Charles and Margaret (Alexander) Kindle, both of whom precede her in passing. Also preceding her in passing were her husband, Herman Bush; two sons: Thomas and William Kelly; and her sisters: Mary Lee Wesaw and Louise Tikal.

Helen was formerly employed at Fox Jewelers of Benton Harbor, Adams Electronics in Bangor and was the manager of an apartment complex in both California and St. Joseph. In her spare time, she loved painting.

Helen is survived by a son, George Kelly of St. Joseph; grandchildren: Shawna (Jay) VanWormer of Fountain Valley, Calif., Tamara (Sharif) Zaman of Friendswood, Texas, Colleen Pasilla of Cassopolis, Michelle (Bob) Kelly Neville of Kapolei, Hawaii, Timothy (Bobbie) Kelly of Osceola, Ind., Erin (Kristin) Kelly of West Fargo, N.D., Patrick (Kimberlee) Kelly of Bangor, and Scott Kelly (Danielle Sulzer) of Flagstaff, Ariz. She is also survived by 19 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and two daughters-in-law:, Cindy Kelly of Flagstaff, and Linda Kelly of Cassopolis.

The family will welcome friends from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford. Following the visitation, Helen will be cremated and burial will be at a later date in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hartford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Helen's name can be made to the Disabled American Veterans.

Leave a message of condolences online at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Lukas Charles Strain

April 17, 2003 – Oct. 8, 2020

Lukas Charles Strain, 17, of Stevensville went to meet his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, in South Bend.

A celebration of life service will be Saturday, Nov. 14, at the First Church of God, 2627 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, with the Rev. William Shepard officiating.

To view Lukas' service live beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, go to www.myfirstchurch.com and look for the YouTube link.

The funeral service can be live-streamed at: www.youtube.com/channel/UCHBQKdULWGNZwdvwcaeJ3Pw?view_as=subscriber.

Friends may visit with the Family from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, also at the church.

Masks and social distancing will be required for both visitation and services. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Lukas Strain Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation www.lefonline.org/donate.

Those wishing to sign Lukas's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Lukas was born April 17, 2003, in St. Joseph, to Jeffery and Christine (Timm) Strain. Lukas was currently a senior at Lakeshore High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society, the Key Club, the Math/Science Club, the Lakeshore Mentoring Program and the Lakeshore soccer team.

Lukas was also a member of the First Church of God. In his free time he enjoyed being outdoors, sailing, scuba diving and snow skiing. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Lukas is survived by his parents: Jeff and Christine; his brother, Nathan Strain of Stevensville; his grandmothers: Joyce Timm of Portage, Mich., and Wilma Strain of Coloma; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Lukas was preceded in death by his grandfathers: Charles Timm and Loyd Strain.

Marge Teal

July 21, 1945 – Nov. 7, 2020

Marge Teal, 75, of Statesville, N.C., passed away Nov. 7, 2020, at Jurney's of Statesville.

She was born in Cook County, Ill., to the late Bill and Romanda Wilder on July 21, 1945.

Marge was married to her best friend and soul mate, Billy Teal, on Sept. 11, 1965, and together they shared 55 loving years. They were inseparable and together their marriage brought two children: Janet Teal Hebner and Michael Teal, who both survive. She also had a four legged son Bo-Bo, who is 12. She has three grandchildren: Adam Hebner, Katie Lewis (Michael) and Tony Kickles; three great-grandchildren: Tucker Lewis, Abigail Hebner and Isla Mae Hebner. She also has a brother who survives; Richard Wilder (Nancy).

Marge was a loving wife, caring mother, compassionate grand and great-grandmother, and a loyal friend. Marge met Billy while they were both in the U.S. Army. Billy had trained Marge to take over his job and the two have been together ever since. They loved traveling places together and being with the family that she so dearly loved. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and was very involved within the church.

A visitation for Marge will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Statesville, with a funeral following at 2 p.m.

Inurnment will be held at a later date.

Vernon Elmer Mueller

Feb. 4, 1932 – Nov. 10, 2020

Vernon Elmer Mueller, 88, of Baroda passed away Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5791 Sawyer Road, Sawyer, with the Rev. Thomas R. Brazinski officiating. Friends may meet with the family from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman. Burial will be in Ruggles Cemetery, Baroda.

Memorial contributions may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church Sawyer. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Vernon was born Feb. 4, 1932, in Stevensville, the son of the late Elmer and Emma (Ehlert) Mueller. He was a U.S. Army veteran and member of the Baroda American Legion Post 345. He retired from Industrial Rubber. Vernon was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sawyer.

Survivors include his daughters: Joy (Elmer) Rudlaff and Jackie Hora; three grandchildren: Elmer Rudlaff, Jody (Darrick) Fairchild and Aaron (Buddy) Head; seven great-grandchildren: Daniel Fairchild, David Fairchild, Sammie Rudlaff, Christopher Smith, Anna Smith, Kylee McCulloch and Lane Head; two great-great-grandchildren: Carson McCulloch and Cole McCulloch; brothers-in-law: Elmer Dumke and Donald Ott; and sister-in-law, Marlene Anderson.

Donald J. Cuchinski

March 1, 1952 – Nov. 6, 2020

Donald J. Cuchinski, 68, of St. Joseph died Friday, Nov. 6, 2020, at home.

Family services will be at a later date. Cremation has taken place. The ashes will be buried at Resurrection Cemetery in St. Joseph with the rest of his family.

Memorials can be made to the Kidney Foundation.

The Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service is in charge of the arrangements.

Share messages, memories or photos online at www.florin.net.

Donald was born March 1, 1952, in St. Joseph to Joseph and June Cuchinski. Over the years, he was employed as a maintenance man at Wesner's Marina, Mickey's Pub and the Silver Dollar Saloon.

His family includes his sister, Peggie (Cuchinski) Fanning of Three Oaks; his brother, Bill (Sharon) Cuchinski of Augusta, Mich.; his niece, Kim Wyman; and his nephew, Chris (Bev Emery) Covington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Vickie, and her husband, Matt Covington; his brothers, Joseph Jr., and James Cuchinski; his sister-in-law, Joan Baugher; and his nephew, Mark Baugher.

Marlene Cassidy

Aug. 22, 1944 – Nov. 2, 2020

Marlene's life began Aug. 22, 1944, in Lansing.

She was a long-time area resident and enjoyed shopping and reading. Her greatest joy was spending time with family which includes her daughter, Julie Alexander; three grandchildren: Melanie, Zachary and Brandon; and her brother, Ronald Neumann.

Marlene died Monday, Nov. 2, 2020.

Her husband, Marvin Cassidy; and her parents: Frank and Ruby (Morgan) Duvall, precede Marlene in death.

Hutchins Funeral Home is assisting Marlene's family with cremation.

You are invited to leave a message of comfort for her family at hutchinsfuneral.com.

Veterans Day in 2020 observed with quiet parades, somber virtual events

By SEAN MURPHY and REBECCA BOONE
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Celebrations marking Veterans Day gave way to somber virtual gatherings Wednesday, with many of the nation's veterans homes barring visitors to protect their residents from the surging coronavirus that has killed thousands of former members of the U.S. military.

Cemeteries decorated with American flags were silent as well, as many of the traditional ceremonies were canceled. With infections raging again nationwide, several veterans homes are fighting new outbreaks.

In New York City, a quiet parade of military vehicles, with no spectators, rolled through Manhattan to maintain the 101-year tradition of veterans marching on Fifth Avenue. President Donald Trump took part in an observance at Arlington National Cemetery, while President-elect Joe Biden placed a wreath at the Korean War Memorial in Philadelphia.

More than 4,200 veterans have died from COVID-19 at hospitals and homes run by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and nearly 85,000 have been infected, according to the department.

That death toll does not include an untold number who have died in private or state-run veterans facilities, including the Holyoke Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, which had nearly 80 deaths earlier this year. Two former administrators were charged with criminal offenses after an investigation found that "utterly baffling" decisions caused the disease to run rampant there.

American veterans are especially vulnerable to COVID-19 because of their age and underlying health conditions, some of which can be traced to exposure to the Vietnam-era defoliant Agent Orange and smoke from burning oilfields in the Persian Gulf.

All told, the coronavirus has taken almost a quarter-million lives in the U.S., or about four times the number of American military deaths in Vietnam.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

The Great Lakes All-Variety Pigeon Club will hold a fancy and racing pigeons show Saturday at the Youth Memorial Building of the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds. The show will feature a number of unusual breeds, and pigeons will be on sale for anyone interested in getting started in the hobby, according to organizers.

1985 – 35 years ago

Decatur school officials are considering a program to give special attention to students who are not ready to start kindergarten, the Decatur School Board was told Monday night. Douglas Olsen, elementary principal, said he would come back to the board with a specific recommendation at a later date. He said the program, known as the young 5's, would enable young students not ready for kindergarten to attend a pre-kindergarten class a year before entering the regular kindergarten class.

1970 – 50 years ago

Pleasant Street in Benton Harbor has been changed to a one-way street effective immediately, according to Andrew Antonoyich, director of public services. Traffic from now on will only be allowed to move in a southerly direction on Pleasant Street, from Pipestone to Bellview. Ohio Street, which runs from Bellview to Pleasant, has been changed from a one-way street to a two-way street.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Nov. 12, the 317th day of 2020. There are 49 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Nov. 12, 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders were sentenced to death by a war crimes tribunal.

On this date:

In 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party.

In 1929, Grace Kelly – the future movie star and Princess of Monaco – was born in Philadelphia.

In 1975, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas retired because of failing health, ending a record 36-year term.

In 1977, the city of New Orleans elected its first Black mayor, Ernest "Dutch" Morial, the winner of a runoff.

In 1987, the American Medical Association issued a policy statement saying it was unethical for a doctor to refuse to treat someone solely because that person had AIDS or was HIV-positive.

In 1990, Japanese Emperor Akihito formally assumed the Chrysanthemum Throne. Actor Eve Arden died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 82.

In 1996, a Saudi Boeing 747 jetliner collided shortly after takeoff from New Delhi, India, with a Kazak Ilyushin-76 cargo plane, killing 349 people.

In 2001, American Airlines Flight 587, an Airbus A300 headed to the Dominican Republic, crashed after takeoff from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 260 people on board and five people on the ground.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Rain & Snow Possible	Few Showers	Mostly Cloudy
52°	34°	43° / 30°	47° / 37°	55° / 39°	44° / 35°

Local Outlook

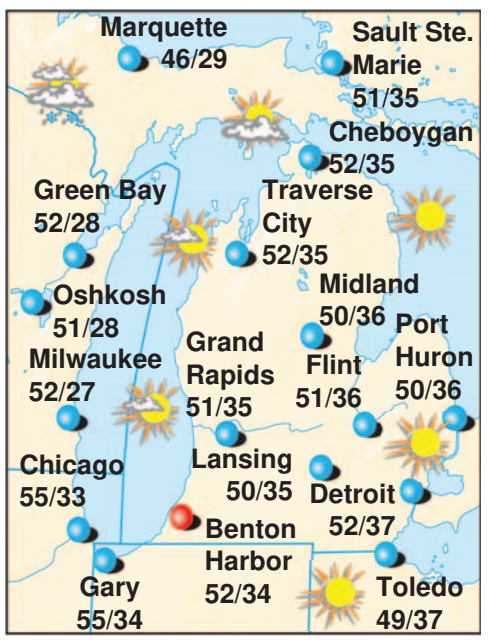
Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 52°, humidity of 49%. South wind 3 to 8 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 34°. South southwest wind 6 to 15 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 29°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:32 a.m.
Sunset	5:26 p.m.
Moonrise	4:03 a.m.
Moonset	4:18 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
11/15	11/21	11/30	12/7

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	47°
Low	34°
Normal High	51°
Normal Low	35°
Record High	71° in 2010
Record Low	20° in 2019

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.42"
Normal for month	1.36"
Year to date	30.66"
Normal Year to date	33.36"

Air Quality

Yesterday	26
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

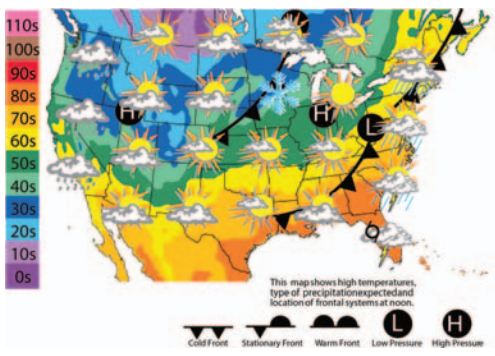
Weather Trivia

What does NOAA stand for? ?

Answer: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Nov. 12, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 6 to 9 kt. Sunny. Waves 1 ft or less. Water temperature 46 degrees. Tonight, SSE wind 9 to 14 kt. Partly cloudy. Waves 1 ft or less building to 3 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with isolated rain and snow, highs in the 40s and 50s. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 30s and 40s.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 50s. South wind 3 to 8 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with highs in the 40s. West northwest wind 3 to 14 mph.

South Haven chamber to host online Business Summit this year

Dec. 4 event will be free, via Zoom

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

CALLEY

HOLLAND

SOUTH HAVEN — Former Michigan Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and Meegan Holland of the Michigan Retailers Association have been lined up to speak at this year's Business Summit.

Organized annually by the South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce, this year's summit will take place, free of charge, online from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Dec. 4.

Normally, the chamber reserves a conference room at Lake Michigan College's South Haven campus for the event that attracts approximately 100-125 business owners from throughout the area.

But the coronavirus pandemic, which is expected to surge during the upcoming winter months, made chamber officials change their mind. Yet they still wanted the Summit to continue, especially to help businesses dealing with economic loss due to the pandemic.

"We wanted to inspire everyone to join us via Zoom, so it is our gift to the community," Chamber Executive Director Kathy Wagaman said. "We know many businesses have been able to do very well from June until now, but some have been impacted greatly and we did not want cost to be a factor."

"Inspiring Healthy Business" is the theme of this year's event.

"In this year of a worldwide health crisis, it has impacted the health of businesses everywhere," Wagaman said. "We want to continue to shine light on staying encouraged, inspired and incorporating unique methods to overcome the roadblocks."

When South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce officials came up with a list of speakers for this year's Business Summit, they were guided in part by the economic effects created by the coronavirus pandemic.

"Let's face it, 2020 has not been an easy year for businesses – whether manufacturing, health care, professional services, hospitality, or retail – the challenges have come from every direction and the rules have changes rapidly," Wagaman said. "For that reason, the speakers this year are very relevant."

Calley, president of the Small Business Association of Michigan, should be able to provide good advice and information, according to Wagaman.

"Brian Calley is a collaborative leader who combines the skills from an accomplished private sector career with a heart for public service and a record of getting things done," Wagaman said.

Holland, who will be the second speaker at Summit, serves as vice president of communications and marketing for Michigan Retailers Association.

"This year more than ever, retailers have faced massive challenges so it is relevant to have this presentation," Wagaman said.

Two women who own a new downtown shop, Lakeshore Trends, will also be speaking.

"Renae Paliani and Patty Pastor-Nofs opened a unique and fun retail shop on Center Street and within weeks, Center Street was closed down for major upgrades and beautification, creating enormous business disruption," Wagaman said. "Just before the street was completed and ready to be opened, COVID-19 hit and business was again stalled. These gals did not let any of these major challenges discourage their desire to succeed, they got creative and developed fun and effective ways to stay top of mind and develop a greater customer base."

Although the event is free to attend, people have to register to receive the ZOOM link to join the seminar.

To register, call 637-5171, or visit www.SouthHavenMI.com.

BOND

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"Is it a financial option or a financial opportunity?" Schooley asked during a community engagement session the district held last week at Listiak Auditorium. The session was also live-streamed for online viewers. "When we ran the numbers and saw the work could be done with a reduction in the debt millage rate, I felt it would be negligent not to bring this (facilities needs assessment proposal) to the board and the greater community."

If the facilities needs assessment appears to have come out of the blue, that's not the case, according to Schooley.

For the past year, Operations Director Kevin Dee, along with GMB Architecture and Engineering, maintenance staff and the board finance and facilities committee have been evaluating district facility needs.

But results of the assessment were not introduced to the public in as timely of a manner as what district officials had hoped to do.

"With the pandemic our priorities shifted," Schooley said. "We weren't able to roll it out as we had planned to do during the summer of 2020. That's what we're doing now."

To get the word out, school officials hosted two community forums. The board's finance and facilities committee also reviewed the proposal at the board's meeting on Oct. 21. The next step was to formally present the proposal to the school board at its Wednesday evening meeting.

Board members need to decide by February whether to put the request on the ballot next May.

In assessing district facilities, school officials and GMB staff took into account three issues – health and safety of students and staff; life cycle infrastructure needs and programming needs, according to Jeff Hoag, an architect with GMB.

The coronavirus pandemic, for instance, has driven home the need to improve ventilation, replace air-handling units and add air purification systems throughout the district's buildings, according to Hoag.

Although the bond issue approved in 2016 addressed some building upgrades – such as new shingles for Baseline Middle School – more infrastructure upgrades need to be done, according to Schooley.

"I'm not tone deaf to where we are," he said. "This is a difficult time for everyone, but the needs we've talked about are not going to go away. We have an opportunity to take care of the facilities this community owns and reduce the debt millage rate."

Out of all the school districts in Van Buren County, South Haven currently has the third lowest debt millage rate. If voters were to approve extending the 2016 bond issue, the debt millage rate would drop to 4.5, and tie with Bangor for the second lowest debt millage rate in the county.

The facilities assessment needs for buildings and athletic facilities follows:

■ Lincoln Elementary School – $4.1 million. Improvements include improved sidewalks, increased ventilation, roofing, exterior doors and frames, boiler replacement, an emergency generator, and air purification systems.

■ Maple Grove Elementary School – $2.5 million. Improvements would include some paving, increased ventilation, roofing, some flooring replacement, an air-purification system, an emergency generator, parking lot expansion, plus boiler, water heater and air-handling unit replacements.

■ North Shore Elementary School – $2.7 million. Improvements include moving the main office closer to the school's main entrance to provide greater security, and converting the current office into learning space, an emergency generator, upgrading the fire alarm system, parking lot paving, boiler and water heater replacement, and adding an air-purification system.

■ Baseline Middle School – $7.1 million. Improvements at the building include replacement of ceilings, reconfiguring the parking lot, roofing and window upgrades, boiler and water heater replacement, reconfiguring learning space to provide a separate room for the orchestra (When the school was built in 1992, the orchestra, which was smaller then, shared space with the choir. Right now, the orchestra is rehearsing in a former home economics room).

■ South Haven High School – $2.6 million. Improvements include some roofing replacement, improvements to the heating and cooling equipment in Listiak Auditorium, air purification systems, additional back parking lot lighting, and creating a health room in the main office.

■ Athletic facilities – $7.5 million. Improvements include additional fencing for the softball and baseball fields, replacement of the tennis courts and lighting, grading, drainage and irrigation improvements at the Aylworth property soccer fields, reconstructing the track at Ratcliffe Field, barrier-free toilet buildings for the baseball and softball fields and tennis courts at the high school; bleacher replacement at Ratcliffe Field, and upgrades to Arkins Fieldhouse.

■ Administration/transportation building –$3.2-$5.5 million. Three options are being studied for the administration building and bus garage on Green Street. The first option entails improving the administration building by updating the heating and air cooling system, upgrading lighting and making the front entrance more accessible. The second option calls for moving the bus garage and administration offices to the former National Guard armory the district currently uses for storage and maintenance and grounds equipment. The district would then sell the Green Street property. The third option calls for constructing a new facility for the administration and bus garage.

KINEXUS

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district, not as a charter school. It used to be affiliated with Benton Harbor Area Schools. However, for the past three years it's been an affiliate of Berrien Springs Public Schools, but that relationship is ending in June.

"We are looking for a new partner," Pscholka said.

He said they are exploring all avenues, including becoming a charter school if they can't find another school district to partner with.

Pscholka said that the Bridge Academy's mission wouldn't change, though he added that no decision has been made and his group will continue looking at the options.

Kinexus started with federal funding as primarily a job training agency, and over several decades has evolved into a more diversified nonprofit agency that also works with at risk youth.

School board trustees are expected to consider passing the resolution during their December meeting.

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Hurricanes stay stronger longer after landfall than in past

By SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

Hurricanes are keeping their staying power longer once they make landfall, spreading more inland destruction, according to a new study.

Warmer ocean waters from climate change are likely making hurricanes lose power more slowly after landfall, because they act as a reserve fuel tank for moisture, the study found. With Eta threatening Florida and the Gulf Coast in a few days, the study's lead author warned of more damage away from the coast than in the past.

The new study looked at 71 Atlantic hurricanes with landfalls since 1967. It found that in the 1960s, hurricanes declined two-thirds in wind strength within 17 hours of landfall. But now it generally takes 33 hours for storms to weaken that same degree, according to a study in Wednesday's journal Nature.

"This is a huge increase," study author Pinaki Chakraborty, a professor of fluid dynamics at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology in Japan. "There's been a huge slowdown in the decay of hurricanes."

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'Live Life Deliciously' with Tara Teaspoon

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College football schedule falling apart due to virus

One has to wonder how the 2020 college football season will end up as more and more teams keep dealing with mounting coronavirus cases.

Al Arend
Big Al's Picks

As of Wednesday afternoon, six more top division games this week have been postponed and two (Ohio State at Maryland, Air Force at Wyoming) have been canceled.

The postponed games include Alabama at LSU; Auburn at Mississippi State; Texas A&M at Tennessee; Georgia at Missouri; Memphis at Navy; and Louisiana-Monroe at Arkansas State. That's four postponements in the SEC. They plan to make them up at a later date, but there may not be a later date available if these same SEC schools are forced to postpone any further games.

In addition, Notre Dame has mandated additional testing after students and fans stormed the field and attended parties after its double-overtime upset of previously top-ranked Clemson.

On the plus side, Wisconsin, which hasn't played in two weeks due to virus issues, now expects to play Saturday night at Michigan.

That might not be a positive for the Wolverines (1-2), as the Badgers (1-0) are rated No. 13 in this week's poll. Michigan is no longer rated at all in this week's AP poll, NOT EVEN in the honorable mention list. When was the last time that happened?

Bottom line: More and more games are being postponed or cancelled each week due to increased virus issues.

Top area college game

Michigan 27, Wisconsin 24

Have I lost my mind?

How can I pick the unranked, underdog Wolverines, who lost at home to Michigan State, to knock off the Badgers? Simple: Wisconsin, a 4-point favorite as of this writing, hasn't played a game in two weeks. Many may argue that Michigan hasn't either! But under the guidance of coaching geniuses Jim Harbaugh and Don Brown, the Wolverines should prevail.

Yes, I've lost my mind!

Top high school game

Lakeshore 21, St. Joseph 14

This year the Lancers won the first meeting 26-0, due in part to eight, yes 8, Bears turnovers. I expect a lot closer game this time around. In the eight times the two neighborhood rivals have met twice in the same season, Lakeshore has swept St. Joseph on three occasions (2006, 2016, 2017). The Bears did it once (2007).

The other four times, the two teams split (2008, 2009, 2010, 2013), with the loser of the first game coming back to win the second on every occasion. Both teams accomplished

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Charlie Riedel / AP

Sung Kang walks with his caddie along the 13th fairway during a practice round for the Masters on Wednesday.

Tradition altered

The Masters in November gives golf a big sendoff

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

Matt Slocum / AP

Tiger Woods waits to hit on the seventh hole during a practice round Wednesday.

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Any optimism that the next Masters will be restored to its full glory of spring blooms and the endless chorus of cheers was dampened only by the reality of the calendar and the recent spikes in coronavirus cases.

It has been eight months since Augusta National said it was postponing the Masters because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and seven months since the club targeted two weeks before Thanksgiving as the most practical time to play this year.

"I'm hopeful that we will see improved conditions regarding this virus, but April is less than five months away, so there's no assurance of that," Masters Chairman Fred Ridley said. "But we do have hopes that the tournament in April will be closer to normal than it is right now."

There is very little normal about the 84th Masters, starting with the opening tee shots from both the first and the 10th tees. That has never happened on a Thursday morning.

Abraham Ancer of Mexico, one of 26 newcomers to the Masters, was playing his final practice round on Wednesday at about the time he would have been taking part in the Par 3 Contest, which was canceled. The Par 3 is entertainment for the patrons, and there are no patrons this year.

On Tuesday, Jon Rahm skipped a tee shot across the pond, onto the 16th green, and watched it roll the length of the green, down the slope and into the cup. He raised his arms in celebration. There was video. And that was about it.

"Just imagine the roars that would have created in a normal year," Rory McIlroy said. "It's a different look. It's November, and I think everybody just has to embrace that we're here and we're playing and that's a great thing."

In some respects, this Masters is a celebration of what golf has done and a sendoff the sport has never had.

Except for World War II and the one time in 1971 when the PGA Championship moved to February in Florida, the Masters always has been the first major of the year. That rite of spring was about more than azaleas, dogwoods and the pursuit of a green jacket. For many, it signaled the start of golf season, whether that meant playing or watching.

"All the Masters I've watched over the years in Ireland, the golfing season started normally the weekend of the Masters," British Open champion Shane Lowry said. "That's when everyone gets the clubs out of the garage and dusts off the cobwebs and gets out and starts playing. That's when the weather starts to go from 6 degrees to about 12 (low 40s to low 50s Fahrenheit). And

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SMC to restart cross country program

Juris Silenieks to lead school's first athletic team since late 1990s

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

The Roadrunners will be back on the trails in 2021.

Southwestern Michigan College announced recently that it will restart its mens and women's cross country program next fall, with Juris Silenieks as its head coach.

"It's amazing what watching the movie McFarland USA a few times and having a conversation can bring about, but here we are," SMC chairman Thomas Jerdon said in a news release. "We are ready to recruit, train, compete and win again. This just makes sense for the college at this time as we continue to find ways to connect students to our excellent academic programs."

SILENIEKS

SMC dropped intercollegiate athletics after the 1996-97 school year. Cross country was the Roadrunners' best sport. SMC won five men's NJCAA Division I national championships from 1973-81, and won 23 Michigan Community College Athletic Association titles in 25 years.

"Obviously we're very excited to bring back our legacy program," SMC president Joe Odenwald said. "I think it's going to be amazing having our runners back out wearing

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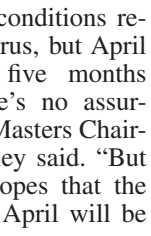
Blowout loss puts Tucker's culture to the test for Spartans

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

Mel Tucker was nothing if not thorough when discussing last weekend's blowout loss to Iowa.

The Michigan State coach's weekly video conference with reporters went on for about 45 minutes, and he set the tone right from the start.

"Last week's game was unacceptable," said Tucker, whose team lost 49-7. "I hold, and will continue to hold this team to a higher standard of performance."



TUCKER

Michigan State fans are still getting to know their new coach, and this week will be a test of how well Tucker rallies his team after it was on the wrong end of a rout. The Spartans already rebounded well from one loss this year – they beat Michigan a week after dropping their opener to Rutgers – but last weekend's defeat was so comprehensive that it's clear Michigan State has a lot of work to do.

"We're going to find out who wants to get better, who can get better, and we're going to coach them in that manner," Tucker said Tuesday. "And I expect to see a better football team out there this Saturday than what I saw out there in Iowa."

Tucker's comments made it clear this would be an important week of practice. After taking over following Mark Dantonio's retirement in February, his offseason was limited by the coronavirus. Building a culture at his new program may take time, and weeks like this can shed some light on how effective a new coach can be in motivating his players.

"Our practices have been very physical the past two days," receiver Jalen Nailor said Wednesday. "Just getting after it, just not taking plays off, just pushing through the grind, just knowing that we have another game. We have more games to play, and that one game's not going to affect us."

When Tucker was asked about discipline, fundamentals and the team's margin for error this weekend against No. 10 Indiana, his

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Paul Sancya / AP

Michigan head coach Juwan Howard reacts to a call in the first half of a Feb. 8 game against Michigan State.

Michigan's Juwan Howard lands top-rated recruiting class

By JOHN MARSHALL
AP Basketball Writer

Juwan Howard's coaching acumen was never in doubt when he took over as Michigan's coach in 2019.

He played 19 NBA seasons, winning two titles with Miami, and spent six seasons as a Heat assistant under Erik Spoelstra.

He clearly knows the game.

The biggest question in Howard's return to his alma mater was whether he would be able to recruit at a high level to keep up in the Big Ten and nationally.

Howard's 2021 class, rated No. 1 in the 247Sports composite, leaves no doubt.

"I just go after guys that fit our culture and it's great to see those who have chosen Michigan embrace the vision we have moving forward," Howard said. "Yes, every coach in a pandemic world at the collegiate level has pivoted in a way where you had to figure it out. Our staff, we didn't make any excuses. We had to figure it as well and see what was the best way to go out there and recruit."

They clearly handled it well.

The first day of the early signing period was Wednesday, but Michigan won't officially announce its 2021 recruiting class until the last player in it has signed on Friday.

The six-player class is headlined by Caleb

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Cleveland's Bieber, Cincinnati's Bauer win Cy Young Awards

By JAY COHEN
Associated Press

Shane Bieber and Trevor Bauer love to talk pitching. They bonded as teammates with the Cleveland Indians, and stayed in touch after Bauer was traded to the Cincinnati Reds last year.

Bieber got a text from Bauer before this season started. The right-handers had the same Las Vegas odds for the Cy Young Award.

"I said ... why don't we go 2 for 2, or something like that?" Bieber said.

Why not, indeed.

Bieber was a unanimous winner in the American League on Wednesday night, and Bauer became the first pitcher to take home the NL honor for the majors' oldest franchise.

"Nobody's more deserving of it than him and he knows what he wants and he knows how to go out and get it," Bieber said. "And we keep in touch. I was truly pulling for him and you know, so is my family. And I know he feels the same way, so it's special."

Bieber and Bauer, two California natives, made it an Ohio sweep on the mound in 2020. They are the third pair of former teammates to win Cy Young Awards in the same season, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Greg Maddux and Dennis Eckersley in 1992 and Max Scherzer and Rick Porcello in 2016 also accomplished the feat.

Bieber and Bauer had neighboring lockers in Cleveland.

"We've had a close relationship since then," Bauer said. "I think he's one of the best human beings that I've had the pleasure of meeting in professional baseball.

"We talked a little bit throughout the year about how cool would it be to have ex-teammates win the award together, and here we are. So I'm really happy for him."

Using a versatile repertoire that includes a looping curveball and wipeout slider, Bieber went 8-1 with a 1.63 ERA and 122 strikeouts in 77 1/3 innings during the pandemic-shortened season, leading the majors in ERA and strikeouts and tying Chicago Cubs right-hander Yu Darvish for the most wins.

Bieber became the second player in Indians history to win the AL's pitching Triple Crown, joining Hall of Famer Bob Feller in 1940. He also was the first pitcher to lead the majors in all three categories since Johan Santana for Minnesota in 2006.

Bauer went 5-4 with an NL-best 1.73 ERA in 11 starts, helping the Reds reach the playoffs for the first time since 2013.

Animated on the field and outspoken off it, the 29-year-old right-hander struck out 100 in 73 innings and led the majors with two shutouts, a pair of seven-inning performances on doubleheader days.

He became a free agent after the season and turned down the Reds' qualifying offer, but left the door open for a return.

"I haven't thought about free agency very much yet, to be honest," said Bauer, known for some unusual and progressive training methods that have helped turn him into one of baseball's best pitchers. "I have had a lot of stuff that I've been doing trying to get my offseason underway, trying to get better at baseball."

Darvish finished second in NL voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. New York Mets ace Jacob deGrom was third, falling short in his bid for a third consecutive Cy Young Award.

Bieber was the first unanimous American League winner since Justin Verlander for the Detroit Tigers in 2011. It was the 10th time an AL pitcher was listed first on every ballot.

Minnesota Twins right-hander Kenta Maeda was the AL runner-up, followed by Toronto Blue Jays lefty Hyun Jin Ryu.

The BBWAA will announce the MVPs on Thursday night.

"Today's a good day regardless," Bieber said. "It just makes it that much better that we were able to take this thing home and that it was unanimous."

The 25-year-old Bieber, a former walk-on at UC Santa Barbara, was selected by Cleveland in the fourth round of the 2016 amateur draft. He made his major league debut in 2018 and went 11-5 with a 4.55 ERA. But he really started to show off his potential last year, winning the MVP award at the All-Star Game and finishing with 15 wins and a 3.28 ERA.

Bieber gave Cleveland its fifth Cy Young Award since CC Sabathia won in 2007. Cliff Lee won in 2008, and Corey Kluber took the prize in 2014 and 2017. Gaylord Perry in 1972 is the only other winner for the Tribe.

It's the first Cy Young Award for Bauer, who tied for sixth in the AL voting in 2018 after he went 12-6 with a 2.21 ERA for the Indians. He was traded to Cincinnati as part of a three-team deal at last year's deadline that moved Yasiel Puig to Cleveland.

Bauer struggled after he was acquired by the Reds, going 2-5 with a 6.39 ERA in 10 starts. He was hampered by a right ankle injury that affected him for much of the year.

But he returned to form when this season finally started in July.

Bauer allowed just two runs and eight hits in 26 1/3 innings over his first four starts. He also closed out the season with a flourish, recording a 1.29 ERA and 46 strikeouts in 35 innings over five September starts.

"The biggest deal this year is I was just healthy," he said. "I was able to go out there and compete, be on a routine."

BIG AL

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that feat twice: St. Joseph in 2009 and 2010, and Lakeshore in 2008 and 2013.

HIGH SCHOOL
Last week: 10-4, .714
Season: 73-17, .811

Area district championships
D3
Lakeshore 21, St. Joseph 14
D4
Edwardsburg 35, Paw Paw 13
D6
Constantine 33, Buchanan 22
D7
Schoolcraft 38, Lawton 28
8-Player regional championship
D1
Martin 49, Marcellus 21

COLLEGE
Last week: 33-8, .805
Season: 183-58, .759
Tonight
Boise State 31, Colorado St. 20
Friday
Cincinnati 42, E. Carolina 17
Fla. Atlantic 28, Fla. International 20
Iowa 35, Minnesota 31
Saturday
Notre Dame 31, Boston College 13
Indiana 31, Michigan State 23
Michigan 27, Wisconsin 24
Northwestern 31, Purdue 27
Penn State 38, Nebraska 31
Rutgers 34, Illinois 24
Arizona St. 35, California 34
Appalachian St. 44, Geo. St. 22
Baylor 34, Texas Tech 31
C. Carolina 34, Troy 24
Florida 42, Arkansas 23
Geo. Southern 35, Texas St. 23
Houston 38, S. Florida 24
Fresno St. 41, Utah St. 20
Liberty 45, W. Carolina 14
Louisiana 27, S. Alabama 10
Kentucky 33, Vanderbilt 14
Marshall 42, Mid-Tenn. 16
Miami 28, Va. Tech 27
Mississippi 35, S. Carolina 23
Nevada 36, N. Mexico 23
N.C. State 34, Florida St. 28
N. Carolina 31, Wake Forest 21
Oregon 34, Wash. State 28
Pittsburgh 31, Geo. Tech 27
San Diego St. 38, Hawaii 27
San Jose St. 33, UNLV 14
SMU 28, Tulsa 27
Stanford 37, Colorado 28
Tulane 31, Army 28
UAB 31, N. Texas 14
UCF 43, Temple 14
USC 42, Arizona 24
Utah 34, UCLA 31
Virginia 31, Louisville 27
Washington 30, Oregon St. 20
W. Kentucky 28, Southern Miss. 20
W. Virginia 34, TCU 28

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SMC

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the colors.

"We need a team to pull for. This gives us an intercollegiate athletic team."

SMC will compete in other Michigan schools in the NJCAA Region 12. To rejoin the MCCAA, the school would have to offer more sports, which isn't currently planned.

"Right now it's cross country," Odenwald said. "We want to see how that goes."

Silenieks brings an accomplished running background to his position as head coach. He ran on Syracuse's 2015 cross country national champions, and continues to compete, qualifying for the U.S. Olympic trials in the marathon. He's also been an assistant coach at the college level at Robert Morris and Michigan State.

"It's a really exciting opportunity to get this program started off on a right foot after a 25-year break," Silenieks said. "It's an opportunity I don't take lightly."

Silenieks said he's looking forward to molding the SMC team, and helping runners develop and move on to four-year programs afterwards.

"The vision to start is just showing we can take runners that are 17-minute 5K boys and 21-minute 5K girls and make them 15-minute 5K boys and 18-minute 5K girls.

"We want to get a full team going, 10-15 athletes. We want them to be really competitive on the state level. On a national level, we want to get back to winning national titles."

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MASTERS

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it only rains a little bit rather than loads."

In November, it's more like the grand finale.

The Masters already is the most popular of the majors because it's held on the same course each year and there's a magic about Augusta National that creates so much drama.

Is there a better way to end the year?

Sure, there are two more official PGA Tour events after the Masters. That's not unusual considering no other sport has a longer season than golf. But having a Masters in November reads like the final chapter.

McIlroy, Lowry and Tiger Woods are among the many players who will put their clubs back in the garage.

Golf, like so many other sports, needs a feel-good finish. The sport was shut down for three months on March 13. One of the majors, the British Open, was canceled. Golf resumed in June with a hectic schedule of only one week off – Thanksgiving – and no assurances of safe health for anyone in the traveling circus.

"I think when The Open Championship was canceled, I had serious doubts we'd play a Masters this year in 2020," McIlroy said. "I think the R&A were in a tough situation, the fact that if they pushed it back, the daylight in the U.K. just isn't there to hold a field of 156. One of the nice things about the Masters is its limited field."

Fifteen players on the PGA Tour have tested positive for the coronavirus, including Dustin Johnson, the No. 1 player in the world. One player had to miss the PGA Championship in August, two withdrew from the U.S. Open in September and two more – including former Masters champion Sergio Garcia – tested positive ahead of the Masters.

But golf played on. And now it's at the finish line with no gallery. Imagine the final turn onto Boylston Street in the Boston Marathon with no one lining the streets to cheer runners on.

The bigger issue might be the starting line. The final day of practice was halted midafternoon because of dangerous storms approaching and more rain expected for the opening round. The course already is slightly softer this time of the year, anyway, and it figures to play longer.

But they're playing. The anticipation is building. The course looks like it always does, except for the color of the leaves down at Amen Corner and the lack of blazing colors of flowers everywhere.

"They've done a great job of giving us a golf course that's similar to what we're used to, but obviously a few months earlier than when we normally are here," Webb Simpson said.

Earlier than next April. Later than last April. Whatever. It's the Masters, and it's here. And after Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player hit the honorary tee shots, starters on the first and 10th tee will introduce each player with that familiar phrase.

Fore, please. Finally.

TUCKER

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response went on for about five minutes.

"We're tightening the screws every possible way that we can, because the key is, you need to be able to make the practices, and the environment in practice, harder than the game," Tucker said. "If you can't do that, when you get in the game, then you can't have the success that you want."

Michigan State turned the ball over seven times in that season-opening loss to Rutgers. The turnovers were such an obvious problem that they overshadowed a lot of other issues for the Spartans. Then they went on the road and beat rival Michigan as a huge underdog.

The Iowa game was a reality check, and there's no easy explanation, no one area for the Spartans to focus on fixing. Rocky Lombardi threw three interceptions, and Michigan State was outrushed 226-59. It was 35-0 at halftime.

"Every week I ask the coaches, 'On your side of the ball, who played well, who played poorly and then who needs to make a move?'" Tucker said. "Offense, defense and special teams, we had a hard time finding guys that played well."

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

STRIKER'S BOWL

LAKESHORE LASSIES – Tricia Morris 750 (255), Nicki Brose 612 (215), Brandy Antonowitsch 610 (207), Sheryl Dickenson 520 (212), Gina Gitchell 517. Team: Gonzalez-Morris 1176 (419).

THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES (11/5)— Linda Dockham 563, Alanna Swetay 560 (226), Pam Head 552 (204), Tmesia Daughtry 547, Starla Swetay 506. Team: Swetay/Swetay 1066 (402).

THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES (10/29) – Alanna Swetay 608 (217), Linda Dockham 579 (223), Starla Swetay 531 (203), Pam Head 529, Gladys Hunter 514, Val Villwock 502. Team: Swetay/Swetay 1139 (395).

WED. 6:30 PM MIXED (1 1/4) – Matt Hendrixson 755 (279), Mark Pullins 686, Curt Simmons 684, DaeDae Coleman 608, Amber Fleisher 585 (256), Michele Briney 518.

WED. 6:30 PM MIXED (10/28)— Mark Pullins 753 (279), Jeff Wagner 699 (268), Matt Hendrixson 685, Michael Hendrixson 666, Amber Fleisher 533 (212), Michele Briney 499. Team: Wildly Inappropriate 2367 (819). Team: M.B.G.A. 2301, Pocket Pounders (802).

FRIDAY NITE MIXED – Nate Schuman 634 (247), Alanna Swetay 566 (225), Michele Briney 556 (216), Kristine Mahler 509 (186), Judy Roemer 504 (187). Team: Strokers 2322 (825), Ten Pin 2212 (786), 4 Drawfs 2199 (739).

WILDLIFE SENIORS (11/9)— Men: Andy Stansberry Sr. 637 (235), Mike Dunsing 631 (235), Tom Rauls 610, Gene Rose 601, Ken Conrad 596, Randy Newboles 573, Dan Symonds 549, Mike Manning 545. Women: Linda Dockham 525, Connie Koth 507.

WILDLIFE SENIORS (1 1/2) – Men: Marc Rankin 671, Roger Rosenthal 668, Paul Goodman 648 (257), Ken Conrad 643 (258), Mike Manning 633. Women: Jody Smith 559, Connie Koth 522, Linda Dockham 513, Losha Price 513, Nancy Pinkerton 513.

SUNDAY NIGHT MIX – Men: Scott Zuhl 666 (279), Corey Fister 651, Justin Wade 640, Adam Litaker 584, Tom Weidner 564, Dave Ellis 564, Terry Litaker 559. Women: Penny Blackburn 519 (201), Emily Rietz 505, Erin Ratter 470.

WED. MORNING MIXED (1 1/4) – Men: Justin Wade 724 (256), Mark Rankin 666 (257), Scott Harrison 608, Ken Klutts 595 (258), Rick Davis 594. Women: Sonya Jackson 477 (192), Kim Keith 419. Team: We Don't Care 2213, Dogg Pound 774.

WED. MORNING MIXED (11/11) – Women: Losha Price 481 (182), Kim Keith 480. Men: Justin Wade 617, Scott Harrison 605, Allen Jones 604.

EMIL SCHRAMM MEMORIAL (1 1/3) – Jason Utter 769 (290), Zach Schuman 714 (257), Patrick Durden 708 (258), Dave Pitcher 702 (258), Chris Valley 697 (279), Jarrod Hasse 695 (266), Ken Klutts 691, Dave Lange 691 (268), DaeDae Coleman 684, Kevin Narregan 674. Team: B&L Rentals 3244 (1131).

EMIL SCHRAMM MEMORIAL (11/10) – Aaron Collins 737 (279), Mark Pullins 722 (267), Jon Utter 707 (267), Chris Valley 706 (257), Matt Hendrixson 702 (265), Justin Wade 698, Dave Lange 688 (277), Patrick Durdan 685, Dan Zimmerman 681 (256), Nate Doroh 676. Team: B&L Rentals 3279 (1200).

WEDNESDAY NIGHTERS – Women: Karyn Fricke 524, Linda Dockham 496, Nancy Pinkerton 475. Men: Ken Conrad 706 (278), Ben Brose 674 (233), Jason Stoll 646 (225), Wayne Johnson 627 (245), Jonah Stoll 625 (244), Eric Monville 604 (226). Team: Gutter Minds 2385 (867), High Chargers 2150 (781).

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday's results
Division 4 regional semifinal

BC ST. PHILIP D. NEW BUFFALO
25-20, 15-25, 25-17, 25-23

New Buffalo – Ava Mullen 4 aces, 15 kills, 10 digs; Kelsey Corkran 3 aces, 35 assists, 5 blocks; Sophia DeOliveira 3 aces, 13 kills, 11 digs.
Records – New Buffalo 20-1.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	7	2	0	.778	242	233
Miami	5	3	0	.625	222	161
New England	3	5	0	.375	166	194
N.Y. Jets	0	9	0	.000	121	268
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	6	2	0	.750	232	201
Indianapolis	5	3	0	.625	208	160
Houston	2	6	0	.250	193	242
Jacksonville	1	7	0	.125	179	247
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	8	0	0	1.000	235	161
Baltimore	6	2	0	.750	227	142
Cleveland	5	3	0	.625	206	237
Cincinnati	2	5	1	.313	194	214
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	1	0	.889	286	183
Las Vegas	5	3	0	.625	218	229
Denver	3	5	0	.375	174	217
L.A. Chargers	2	6	0	.250	205	216

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	3	4	1	.438	186	205
Washington	2	6	0	.250	153	188
Dallas	2	7	0	.222	204	290
N.Y. Giants	2	7	0	.222	168	219
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	6	2	0	.750	244	200
Tampa Bay	6	3	0	.667	250	203
Atlanta	3	6	0	.333	243	251
Carolina	3	6	0	.333	210	226
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	6	2	0	.750	253	204
Chicago	5	4	0	.556	178	190
Detroit	3	5	0	.375	197	240
Minnesota	3	5	0	.375	217	234
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	6	2	0	.750	274	243
Arizona	5	3	0	.625	234	180
L.A. Rams	5	3	0	.625	193	152
San Francisco	4	5	0	.444	225	207

Thursday's Game
Indianapolis at Tennessee
Sunday's Games
Houston at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Denver at Las Vegas, 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Miami, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.
Baltimore at New England, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's Game
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:15 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 19
Arizona at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 22
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Washington, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Carolina, 1 p.m.
New England at Houston, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Miami at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Indianapolis, 4:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Las Vegas, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 23
L.A. Rams at Tampa Bay, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Standings
Atlantic Coast Conference

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Notre Dame	5	0	157	62	7	0	256	102
Clemson	6	0	274	109	7	1	363	156
Miami	5	1	210	160	6	1	241	174
North Carolina	5	2	286	193	5	2	286	193
Virginia Tech	4	2	226	183	4	3	261	221
Wake Forest	3	2	156	135	4	2	222	149
Boston College	4	3	185	176	5	3	209	197
NC State	4	3	230	249	4	3	230	249
Pittsburgh	3	4	166	184	4	4	221	184
Virginia	2	4	163	199	2	4	163	199
Georgia Tech	2	4	129	229	2	5	150	278
Florida St.	1	5	113	227	2	5	154	251
Louisville	1	5	171	186	2	5	206	207
Duke	1	6	152	240	2	6	205	259
Syracuse	1	6	125	211	1	7	146	249

Big Ten Conference
East

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Indiana	3	0	111	77	3	0	111	77
Ohio St.	3	0	139	69	3	0	139	69
Maryland	2	1	83	106	2	1	83	106
Michigan	1	2	94	89	1	2	94	89
Michigan St.	1	2	61	111	1	2	61	111
Rutgers	1	2	86	113	1	2	86	113
Penn St.	0	3	79	109	0	3	79	109
West								
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Northwestern	3	0	85	36	3	0	85	36
Purdue	2	0	55	44	2	0	55	44
Wisconsin	1	0	45	7	1	0	45	7
Iowa	1	2	89	52	1	2	89	52
Minnesota	1	2	109	108	1	2	109	108
Illinois	0	3	45	117	0	3	45	117
Nebraska	0	2	30	73	0	2	30	73

Mid-American Conference
East

	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Buffalo	1	0	49	30	1	0	49	30
Kent St.	1	0	27	23	1	0	27	23
Miami (Ohio)	1	0	38	31	1	0	38	31
Akron	0	1	13	58	0	1	13	58
Bowling Green	0	1	3	38	0	1	3	38
Ohio	0	1	27	30	0	1	27	30
West								
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Cent. Michigan	1	0	30	27	1	0	30	27
Toledo	1	0	38	3	1	0	38	3
W. Michigan	1	0	58	13	1	0	58	13
Ball St.	0	1	31	38	0	1	31	38
E. Michigan	0	1	23	27	0	1	23	27
N. Illinois	0	1	30	49	0	1	30	49

CLASS

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Houstan, a 6-foot-8 Canadian forward, the No. 8 overall recruit in the country. He will be joined by another five-star recruit, Moussa Diabate, a 6-10 French forward who's rated No. 20 nationally.

The class also includes guard Frankie Collins, Kobe Bufkin and forward Isaiah Barnes, all four-star recruits. Three-star forward Will Tschetter rounds out the class.

Shifting dynamic

Villanova coach Jay Wright has been pulling in some of the nation's top recruiting classes the past few years and this year was no different, despite the changing landscape of recruiting in a pandemic.

Villanova has the No. 4 overall recruiting class, topped by Trey Patterson, a 6-7 forward from Somerset, New Jersey, rated No. 30 nationally.

"It was really bizarre. I do feel like doing zooms with players, you're able to watch film with them," Wright said. "I felt like you developed, maybe not as good a personal relationship, but a much better understanding of their basketball aspirations and their basketball IQ. Much better. We'll probably all do that going forward now. We just didn't do that in the past."

Top classes

Kentucky coach John Calipari has been one of the nation's best recruiters since arriving in Lexington and has another stellar class going.

Kentucky's 2021 class, headlined by five-star forward Daimion Collins (No. 19 overall) is ranked No. 3 nationally and could get better with Calipari pursuing two other top-rated recruits.

Florida State announced one signing Wednesday, 7-1 center John Butler (No. 55 nationally) from South Carolina. Coach Leonard Hamilton and the Seminoles still have three more commits expected to sign soon, including five-star players Matthew Cleveland and Jalen Warley, in a class rated No. 2 overall.

Izzo's touch

Michigan State coach Tom Izzo has shown a knack for recruiting elite-level recruits through the years and showed Wednesday he's still got it.

Izzo's latest class is rated No. 6 nationally, with all three players ranking in the top 75 nationally.

Max Christie, a five-star 6-6 shooting guard from Rolling Meadows, Illinois, was the highest-rated of the group at No. 15 nationally. He'll be joined by 6-3 point guard Jaden Akins (No. 65) and 6-5 guard Pierre Brooks (68), ensuring Michigan State will be loaded with talent next season and beyond.

"In summing these three players up, you've got great student-athletes, you've got great size for their positions and people who can play both ends of the court," Izzo said. "I think a really encouraging thing is they are guys that can shoot the ball, but I think they are guys that want to win and guys that want to be here. That, to me, is more valuable than anything."

Red Raiding

Texas Tech made a run to the 2019 national title game with a group of position-less players. Red Raiders coach Chris Beard added another in Jaylon Tyson, a 6-7 guard from Allen, Texas, who's rated No. 51 nationally.

"He deserves all of the attention he's been getting as of late," Beard said. "He's a position-less player, he's going to play all over the floor, he'll have a chance to be an NBA guard one day with his length and athleticism, but we're excited to get him here."

PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING NOV. 12

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Station 19 "Nothing Seems the Same"		Grey's Anatomy ((SP)) The doctors contend with a pandemic. (N) CC			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Young Sheldon	B Positive (N) CC	Mom (N) CC	The Unicorn	Star Trek: Discovery (N) CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Superstore (N)	Superstore	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Paley Center Presents Law & Order	
FOX 17 222 28 32	NFL Pregame	NFL Football Indianapolis Colts at Tennessee Titans. (N) (L)					
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	Frankie Drake Mysteries CC (DVS)		Father Brown CC		Legends-Merlin Hanson	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Supernatural "Inherit the Earth" (N) CC		The Outpost Garret investigates a cult.		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline A suspect with a dark secret.		Dateline CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Supernatural "Inherit the Earth" (N) CC		The Outpost Garret investigates a cult.		King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME 46	Elkhart Auction	Heartland "Written in Stone"		Unsung Heroes-Female Patriots		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Murder on Maiden Lane"		The First 48 "Killing Cousins" (N) CC		The First 48 Presents Critical	
AMC	Green Ml	Pretty Woman ('90, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy. CC					Sleep.-Enemy
Animal	Catch	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
BET	★★ Lottery Ticket		★★ Get Rich or Die Tryin' ('05) CC				
Big Ten	Football	B1G Football in 60		B1G Football in 60		B1G Story	Big Ten
Bravo	Southern Charm	Southern Charm (N) CC		Southern Charm (N) CC		Real Housewives of Salt Lake City	
Cartoon	Teen	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American
Cinemax	★★ Silver City	★ Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter ('12, Action) Benjamin Walker. CC				9:50 ★★ Pandorum ('09) CC	
CMT	Last Man	To Be Announced					
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank		Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Master Distiller	Moonshiners: Master Distiller CC		Moonshiners: Master Distiller CC		Moonshiners: Master Distiller CC	
Disney	Raven	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Flea	Flea	Flea	Flea	Flea	Bargain	Bargain
E!	Kardas	The Kardashians		Total Bellas CC		The Kardashians	
ESPN	SportCtr	2020 Masters Tournament First Round.					
ESPN2	HS Basketball		High School Basketball			HS Basketball	
ESPNC	Football	College Basketball From Jan. 27, 2007.				College Basketball	
Food	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Review	Red Wings Classics Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Finals.					Review
Freefrm	:00 ★★★ Tangled ('10) Voices of Mandy Moore. CC			★★★ Mulan ('98, Children's) Voices of Ming-Na Wen, Eddie Murphy. CC			
FX	:00 ★★ Transformers: Age of Extinction ('14) Mark Wahlberg. Optimus Prime and the Autobots face fearsome challengers.						Transformers
Golf	Live From the Masters CC						
Hallmark	Switched For	On the 12th Date of Christmas ('20) Mallory Jansen, Tyler Hynes, Zoe Fish. CC				Mingle All the Way ('18) Jen Lilley.	
HBO	:25 ★★ Journey 2: The Mysterious Island ('12) CC			Transhood ('20, Documentary) (P). CC			:45 Industry
History	Pickers	D.B. Cooper: Case Closed? "Part 1" CC				D.B. Cooper	
HGTV	Windy	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pim	My Feet
Lifetime	Welcome Christmas	Staging Christmas ('19, Romance) Soleil Moon Frye, George Stults. CC				:05 Grounded for Christmas ('19)	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Jersey	Jersey Shore		Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Footvol	White Sox Rewind From Aug. 11, 2020.					
NFL	NFL Pregame		NFL Football Indianapolis Colts at Tennessee Titans.				
Nick	Substitute	★★★ Puss in Boots ('11) CC				Friends	Friends
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero (N)		Ice Road Rescue (N)		Ice Road Rescue (N)	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Buried in the Backyard (N) CC		Injustice With Nancy Grace (N)		Snapped A clash with two roommates.	
Parmt	:00 ★★ Shooter ('07) Mark Wahlberg. CC					★★ 2 Guns	
Showtime	Shameless	Shameless Fiona starts a new job.		Moonbase 8		★★ Major League ('89, Comedy) Tom Berenger. CC	
Starz	:18 ★★ Bring It On ('00, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst. CC			★★★ Frozen ('13, Children's) Voices of Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel. CC			
STZENC	:13 ★ Miss Bala ('19, Action) Gina Rodriguez. CC			★★★ True Romance ('93, Action) Christian Slater, Patricia Arquette. CC			
SyFy	6:00 ★ Gods of Egypt ('16) CC		★★ San Andreas ('15, Action) Dwayne Johnson. A rescue pilot must save his family after an earthquake.				
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	I'll Cry Tomorrow	★★★ The Gilded Lily ('35) Claudette Colbert.			★★ Come Next Spring ('55, Drama) Ann Sheridan.		
TMC	Layer Cake ('04)	★★ Captive State ('19, Science Fiction) John Goodman, Ashton Sanders. CC				★★★ Under the Skin ('13) CC	
TNT	:00 Bones	★★ Central Intelligence ('16, Action)				★ Old School	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		The Holzer Files (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	:31 Miz & Mrs (N)
VH1	Martin	★★ All About the Benjamins ('02)				★★★ Dope	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Woman discovers truth about boyfriend's dangerous nature

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a wonderful relationship and blissfully happy for two years. We live together. When "Scott" and I first got together, he told me he had a felony conviction and that a woman had falsely accused him of rape. I laughed it off because I didn't want to see the truth, but it ate at me badly. Then I finally looked it up via a background check, and it's really bad.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

Two months after his ex-girlfriend broke up with him, Scott broke into her house and raped her while she was passed out on prescription sleeping pills. She called the police the next day, and he got a plea bargain, went to jail for 100 days and paid her $20,000 in restitution, probation and the whole thing. Scott still insists it was all her fault and that he is the victim. What do you think? – Shattered In The West

DEAR SHATTERED: I am so glad you asked. What I think is that you should extricate yourself from a relationship with this disturbed felon as quickly AND CAREFULLY as you can. That Scott blames his victim for the rape he committed tells me he still has not accepted responsibility for his actions and that he is dangerous. Consider contacting the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (rainn.org; 800-656-4673) for advice on how to safely end it.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 55-year-old woman dating a 63-year-old man. Our relationship didn't start out in the best of circumstances eight years ago because he was still in his 25-year marriage. His wife had been living out of state. When she eventually learned about our relationship, she asked for a divorce. The divorce has been final for more than a year.

I understand that he is embarrassed to let his friends know he is now divorced, but his closest friends know. I'm still waiting for a time when I can be a part of his life without hiding, but I'm beginning to feel he has no intention of letting this happen.

He gets irritated and upset with me when I ask if this friend or that knows about the divorce yet. He doesn't want me to meet his friends. Must I just accept that I was never meant to really be a part of his life, even though he tells me he loves me? – Still In Hiding In Washington

DEAR STILL IN HIDING: I'm sorry, but I think you may be finally reading the handwriting on the wall quite clearly. If he were proud of this relationship and in love with you, he would be showing you off to his friends, not hiding you. Have you actually seen his divorce papers, and are you absolutely sure that this man is divorced?

DEAR ABBY: I am 64 years old and happily married to a wonderful woman. The problem I'm having is she has a very large family. Most of them walk into our home without knocking. Even if I know they are coming over, it bothers me. I would never, ever walk into any of their homes without a knock. I was raised that you knock before entering, even at my parents' house after moving out on my own. What do you think about this? – Put Off In Florida

DEAR PUT OFF: Out of respect for your feelings, your wife should have spoken to her family years ago and asked them to either call before dropping in on you or, at the very least, knock. And if it's feasible to keep the doors locked, do it.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Is the paycheck worth the long commute and the officemate?

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I'm lucky to be able to telework three days a week. On the other two days, I have a 90-minute commute (each way) and I share an office with a guy I can't stand, so on office days a lot of my debriefing involves complaints about those things.

Carolyn Hax

My husband has gotten very frustrated with me for being in a job where I "seem unhappy" 40 percent of the time. He is a creative professional doing what he loves, and to him it doesn't make sense to suffer inconveniences like a commute and officemate, even though I get a paycheck for doing so.

This difference in perspectives is really starting to bother me, since our children are at an age where everything we say counts. They are not trust-fund babies, and I don't want them to get the idea that it's wrong to tolerate small daily hardships – which in my view is why you get paid to work.

He doesn't want them to think it's OK to tolerate a working life that isn't more fun than, well, work. How do we reconcile these differences and send our kids a consistent message? – Working

DEAR WORKING: Do all messages need to be consistent? You have your experience, he has his.

One part of his experience, though, is your negative "debrief," which seems to want rethinking. You may see it as an end-of-workday cleansing ritual, but your husband is – however we cast the details – to the general point of feeling weighed down by the repetitive, set-your-watch-predictable negativity of it.

So it's time to change your ritual. Your long commute can be to your advantage: That's a lot of podcast, audiobook, standup-comedy, language-learning, TED-talking opportunity you have there. For six hours a week, you laugh, cry, learn, feel, mangle simple phrases and otherwise get out of your rut. Beautiful.

In this better frame of mind, you come home to your husband. If there's still some residual angst, then maybe you agree upon a five-minute retelling of tales about your terrible colleague, then move on to full embrace of family life.

Given that daily life and the small hardships thereof are basically the building blocks of the human experience, I don't think you need to do a lot of explaining to your kids about the importance of managing them with grace. Just, manage them with grace. They're watching you, always. You can trust that above anything else.

Readers' thoughts:

■ Yeah, we've been sold a bill of goods that we should always be able to be happy and fulfilled by our work. That's totally worth pushing back on. But if work is making you miserable, then no, you should not consider yourself stuck just because it pays the bills. And if it's tolerable, then you shouldn't need to complain as much as you're doing.

■ My commute is about two hours each way because I have to ride a ferry. People think this is an arduous commute and I must be crazy, but I can read, knit, nap, text, whatever. By the time I get home, my ride has washed away all of the work residue. I work to live, I don't live to work (anymore), and this is the price I'm willing to pay.

Email Carolyn Hax at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

CROSSWORD

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Tense
5 Lobster appendage
9 — -Wan Kenobi
12 Purina rival
13 Ms. Bonheur
14 Princess Leia's love
15 Take on cargo
16 Culture medium
17 Rx givers
18 Give celebrity status
20 PC button
22 Golfer — Alcott
23 College maj.
24 Bacon unit
27 Small fish
30 Marsh bird
31 Civil War soldier
32 Engage in rivalry
34 Swing voter (abbr.)
35 Cousteau's summer
36 Film
37 Soup pot
40 Cowboy competition
41 Beam of light
42 Sprinted
43 Rock bottom
46 Address part (2 wds.)
50 Put into action
51 Forewarning
53 Stadium shape
54 Born as
55 Drinks with scones
56 Nun's room
57 Lemon or clunker
58 Mall event
59 Oak or pine

DOWN
1 Farfetched
2 Tien Shan range
3 Hairstyle
4 Clipper's target
5 Deranged
6 Opera box
7 — — matter of fact
8 Rabbit burrow
9 Units of resistance
10 Ordered
11 Prof.
19 Bratty kid
21 Years on end
23 Taunting remark
24 Mr. in Bombay
25 Vat
26 Take the trolley
27 Dole out
28 Ancient Roman poet
29 Port or sherry
31 Bank on
33 Want-ad abbr.
36 Devise
38 Prefix for "three"
39 Mystical cards
40 Knock sharply
42 Get the suds out
43 Now, to Caesar
44 On a cruise
45 Wapiti
46 Fervor
47 Completed
48 Valley
49 Vogue rival
52 — culpa

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JUMBLE

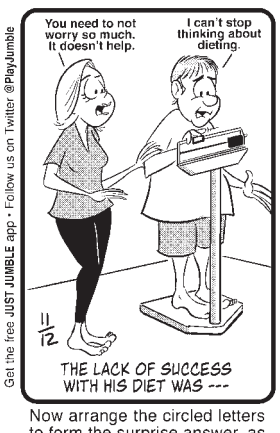
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GEMAO

WTAHE

NINOMI

CTILHG



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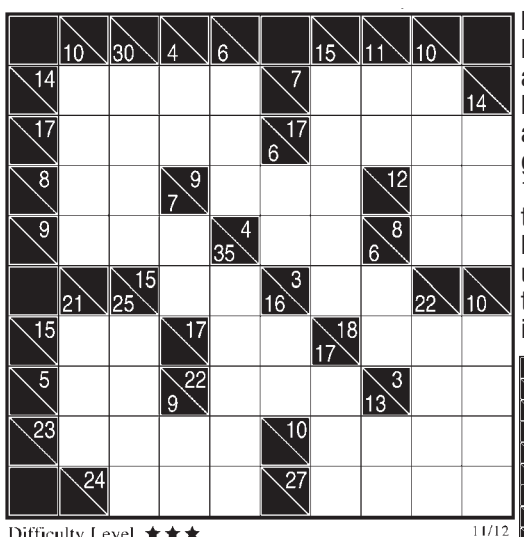
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

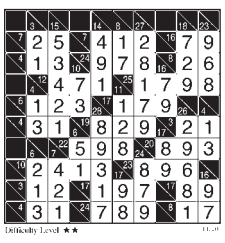
Tuesday's Jumbles: COCOA KNIFE LITTLE DEFUSE
Answer: When Alfred Hitchcock's movie, "The Birds," premiered in 1963, people — FLOCKED TO IT

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/12

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★ 11-9

BRIDGE

William James, who was a philosopher and psychologist, wrote, "The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook."

The art of being wise at the bridge table is not overlooking the best line of play or defense. The winning technique in today's deal would be overlooked by many players. How should South try to make his contract of four spades after West leads the heart ace, then shifts to a trump?

North's redouble showed 10 or more points and fewer than four spades. His two-spade rebid promised game-invitational values with three-card support. South jumped to game with only a six-loser hand.

Declarer has nine winners in spades and clubs. If East has the diamond ace, declarer's diamond king will be trick 10. But on the bidding, that is most unlikely. Is there a different way to rake in 10 winners?

There is if trumps are 3-2. South takes the second trick on the board and ruffs a heart. He continues with a club to the jack, a second heart ruff, a club to the king and another heart ruff. With some anxiety, declarer leads his spade king and overtakes with dummy's ace. When both opponents follow suit, South sighs with relief, draws East's third trump with dummy's queen and cashes his last two clubs.

His 10 tricks are three spades, three heart ruffs and four clubs. It is a textbook dummy reversal.

How do you recognize a dummy reversal? You can take several ruffs in hand, and dummy's trumps are strong enough to extract those held by the defenders.

North 11-12-20
♠ A Q 10
♥ J 7 6 3
♦ 8 5 4
♣ K J 2

West
♠ 8 3
♥ A K 8 2
♦ A Q 9 6
♣ 10 7 4

East
♠ 7 6 2
♥ Q 10 9 4
♦ J 10 3
♣ 6 5 3

South
♠ K J 9 5 4
♥ 5
♦ K 7 2
♣ A Q 9 8

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1♠	Dbl.	Redbl.	2♥
Pass	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ A

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

	4		2	9		3		
3		6		1				
		8		3	7			9
		7		4			5	6
				7				
9	5			2		7		
2			7	5		4		
				6		5		3
		5		8	9		2	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

8	4	9	7	2	6	3	5	1
1	7	6	4	3	5	9	2	8
3	5	2	9	1	8	7	4	6
9	1	7	3	5	4	8	6	2
2	3	8	1	6	7	4	9	5
4	6	5	2	8	9	1	3	7
7	9	1	6	4	2	5	8	3
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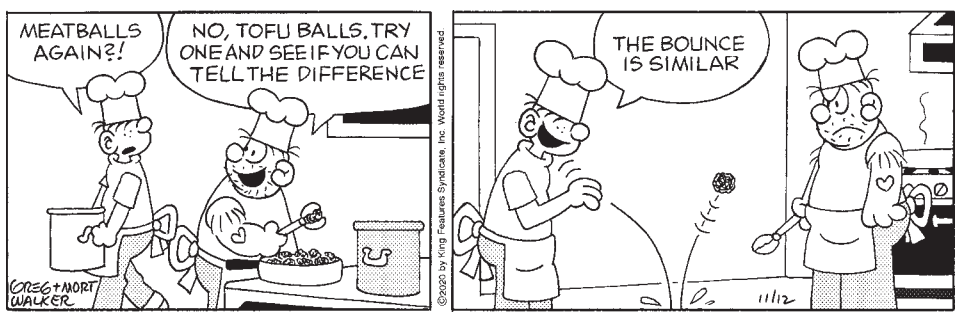
BEETLE BAILEY



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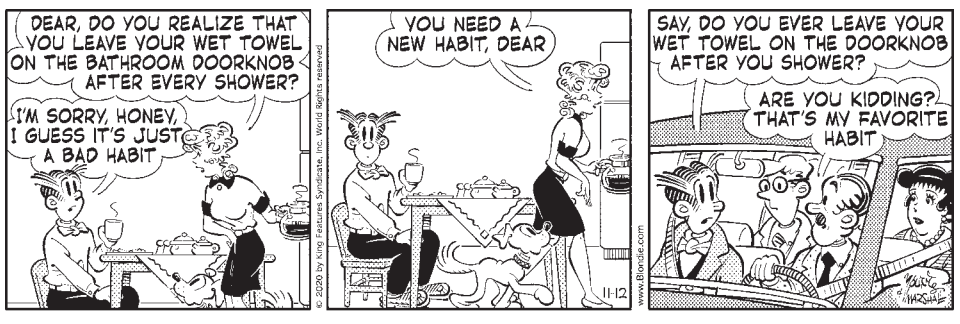
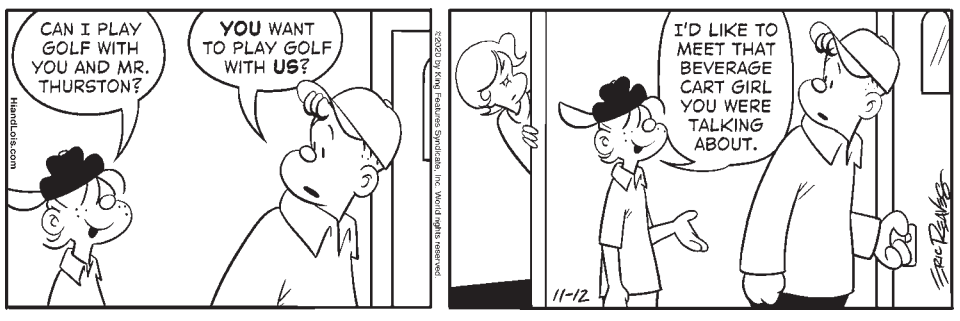
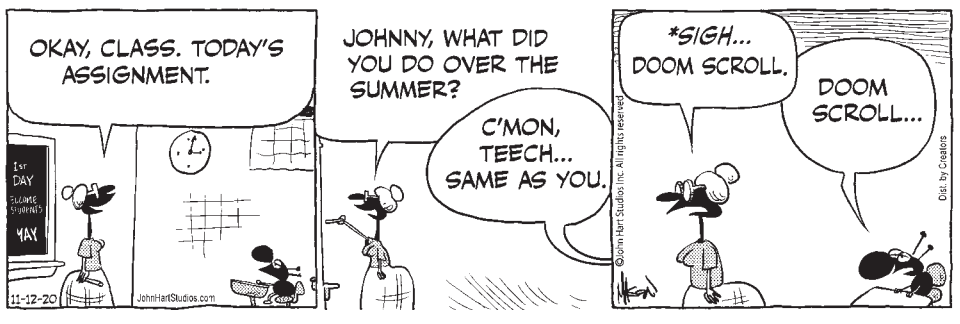

DEAR, DO YOU REALIZE THAT YOU LEAVE YOUR WET TOWEL ON THE BATHROOM DOORKNOB AFTER EVERY SHOWER?
I'M SORRY, HONEY, I GUESS IT'S JUST A BAD HABIT
YOU NEED A NEW HABIT, DEAR
11-12
SAY, DO YOU EVER LEAVE YOUR WET TOWEL ON THE DOORKNOB AFTER YOU SHOWER?
ARE YOU KIDDING? THAT'S MY FAVORITE HABIT

HI & LOIS


CAN I PLAY GOLF WITH YOU AND MR. THURSTON?
YOU WANT TO PLAY GOLF WITH US?
I'D LIKE TO MEET THAT BEVERAGE CART GIRL YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT.
11-12

BC



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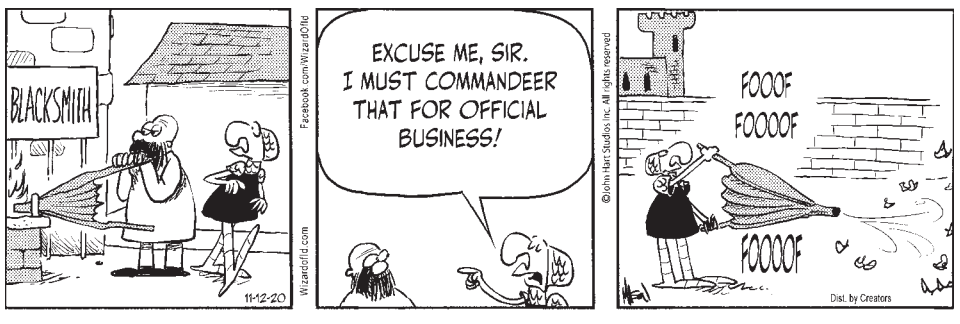
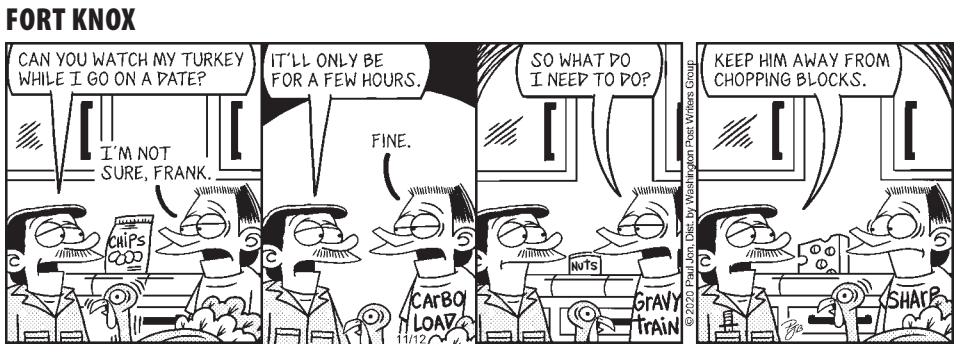


DILBERT

ALICE, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I HEAR YOU AND I VALUE YOU.
THAT'S TERRIFIC. MAYBE YOU COULD STOP TALKING TO ME IN THAT SUPER-CREEPY AND CON-DESCENDING WAY.
YES, QUEEN.
WHO BROKE YOU?

GARFIELD

FORT KNOX



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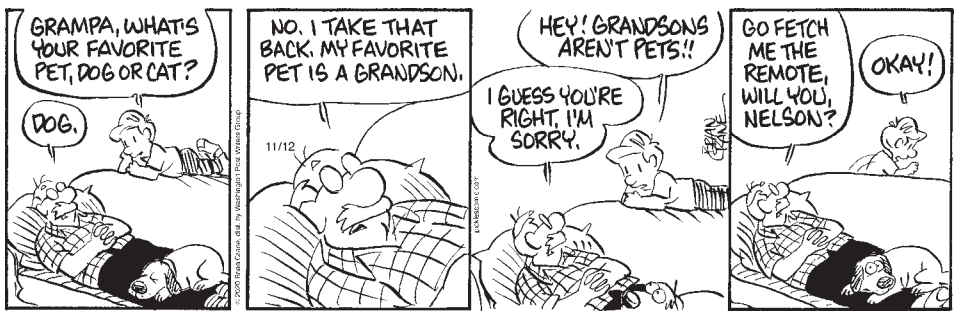
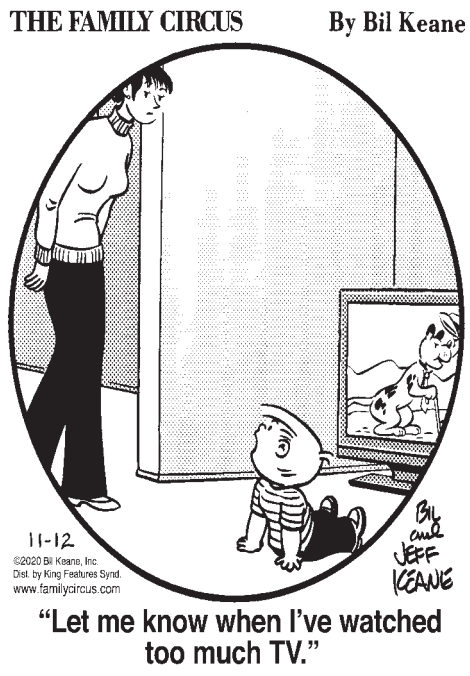

GRAMPA, WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PET, DOG OR CAT?
DOG.
NO. I TAKE THAT BACK. MY FAVORITE PET IS A GRANDSON.
11/12
HEY! GRANDSONS AREN'T PETS!!
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M SORRY.
GO FETCH ME THE REMOTE, WILL YOU, NELSON?
OKAY!

FAMILY CIRCUS

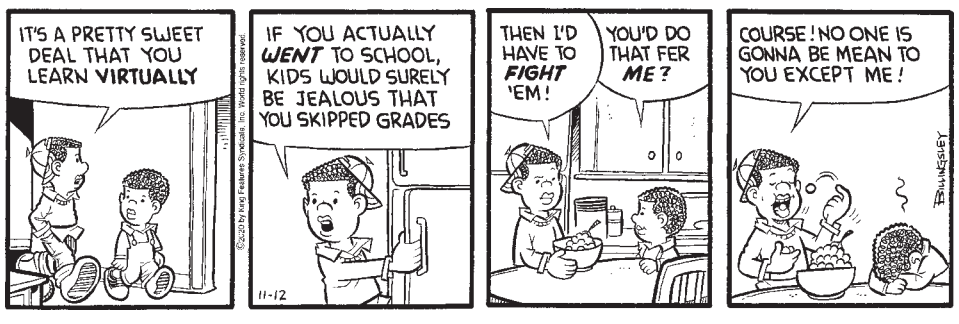


DENNIS THE MENACE

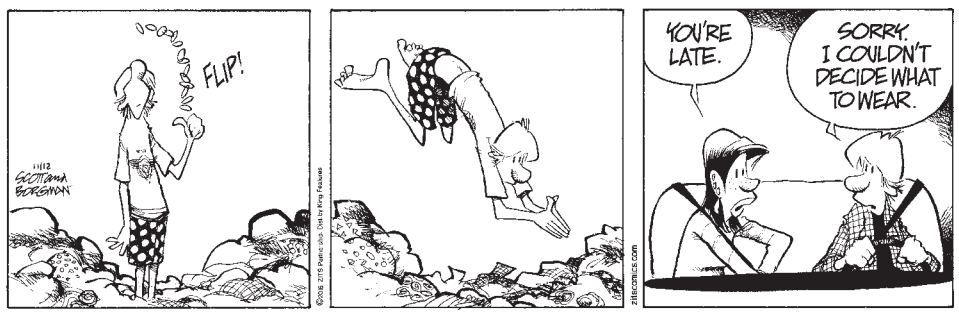
BABY BLUES

HOW'S PRACTICE GOING?
SLOWLY.
PLINK! PLINK!
I DON'T KNOW...MAYBE I'VE BEEN AWAY FROM THIS THING FOR TOO LONG.
SORE FINGERS?
THAT, AND EVERYTHING I PLAY SOUNDS LIKE "BABY SHARK."
AAGH! EARWORM! EARWORM!

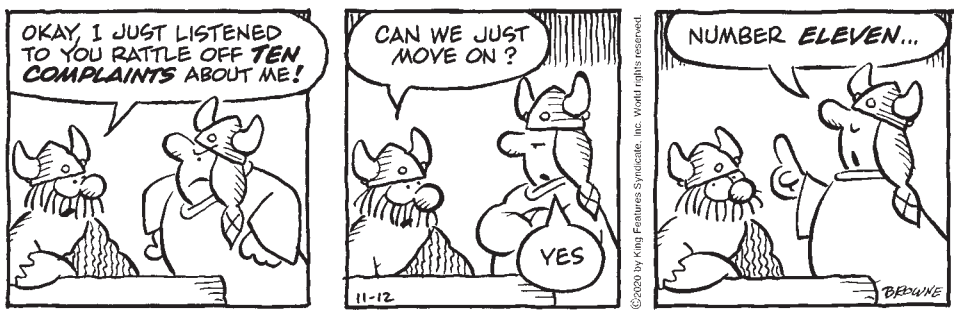
CURTIS


IT'S A PRETTY SWEET DEAL THAT YOU LEARN VIRTUALLY
IF YOU ACTUALLY WENT TO SCHOOL, KIDS WOULD SURELY BE JEALOUS THAT YOU SKIPPED GRADES
11-12
THEN I'D HAVE TO FIGHT 'EM!
YOU'D DO THAT FER ME?
COURSE! NO ONE IS GONNA BE MEAN TO YOU EXCEPT ME!

ZITS



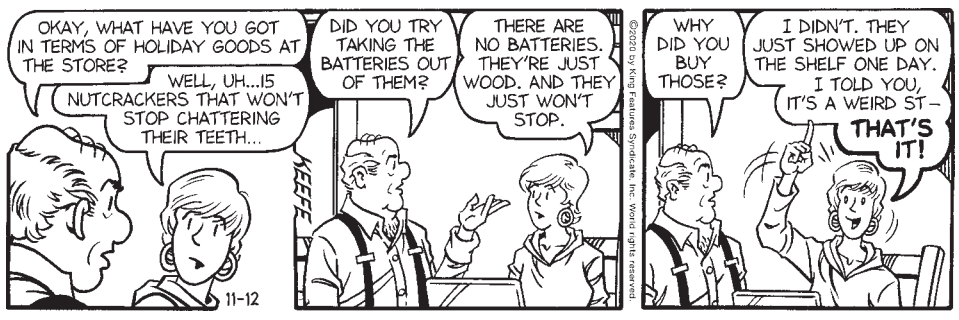
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

MUTTS

SALLY FORTH


OKAY, WHAT HAVE YOU GOT IN TERMS OF HOLIDAY GOODS AT THE STORE?
WELL, UH...15 NUTCRACKERS THAT WON'T STOP CHATTERING THEIR TEETH...
11-12
DID YOU TRY TAKING THE BATTERIES OUT OF THEM?
THERE ARE NO BATTERIES. THEY'RE JUST WOOD. AND THEY JUST WON'T STOP.
WHY DID YOU BUY THOSE?
I DIDN'T. THEY JUST SHOWED UP ON THE SHELF ONE DAY. I TOLD YOU, IT'S A WEIRD ST—
THAT'S IT!

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Work includes: All labor, material, and equipment necessary to remove decking, existing beams and joist, refinish or replace beams and joists as necessary. Specific details are provided in the Request for Proposal (RFP). RFP's can be downloaded from the City of St. Joseph website (www.sjcity.com) or one can be picked up from the City Clerk's Office.
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Denise Westfall
St. Joseph City Clerk

LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of Joseph G. Edmunds and Eleanor M. Edmunds Living Trust dated December 9, 2003.

Date of Birth: June 1, 1927.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

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The decedent, Joseph G. Edmunds, survivor of Eleanor M. Edmunds, died October 16, 2020. No probate estate has been opened for Joseph G. Edmunds and there is no Personal Representative of the Settlor's probate estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Joseph G. Edmunds and Eleanor M. Edmunds Living Trust dated December 9, 2003 for the benefit of Joseph G Edmunds will be forever barred unless presented to Mary DeFrancesco, named as Trustee of said Trust, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that this Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons/ entities entitled to the trust assets thereunder.

Dated: 11/9/2020

Kurt M. Armstrong
P30322
511 Renaissance Drive, Suite 110
St. Joseph, MI 49085

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Relying on others will lead to disappointment. Stand tall, speak your mind and take part in bringing about positive change. Stick to basics, truth and fair play. Learn from your mistakes, and you will overcome any setbacks you encounter.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Work toward a common goal with a loved one. A romantic gesture will help you put your differences aside, paving the way for healthy solutions. Spend less time bickering and more time problem-solving.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't take unnecessary health risks. Being well-informed will help you make better decisions. Keep personal information to yourself. Don't mislead someone or make promises you can't keep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An opportunity to demonstrate what you have to offer will come your way. Be precise, and leave nothing to chance. Be honest and efficient. Romance is favored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Say what's on your mind. You are better off discussing matters thoroughly instead of taking physical action to prove your point. Look for ways to compromise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An opportunity will cause friction with a loved one. Think matters through before you make a decision that might jeopardize a meaningful relationship. Don't take risks with your health.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Monitor what everyone around you is doing to avoid ending up in a compromising position. Issues will arise if you make changes to your daily routine. Change your plans if necessary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Observation will help you avoid jumping to conclusions. Spend more time perfecting your skills and less time butting heads with someone who doesn't share your opinion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take part in a dialogue concerning where and how you do your job. Look at the pros and cons of a situation that involves the young and old people in your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Put more effort into your professional goals. Consider trends and market your skills to fill a niche. Make changes that will help you improve your health, appearance and lifestyle.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Sit back, settle in and make changes that will help you be more productive. Don't worry about what others do; follow the path that leads to peace of mind and a better quality of life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Go over your finances, investments and personal contracts. Make adjustments that will help you stabilize your position. Do what's best for you. A complimentary person will have ulterior motives.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A deal may look promising, but before you decide to team up with someone, consider how well you get along and if you share the same beliefs and objectives.

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CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CHANGE OF HEARING DATE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

On Monday, November 16, 2020 the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of South Haven will hear public comments related to the following requests. The public hearings will be held at 7:00 P.M. via virtual conference concerning the following:

1. 504 North Shore Drive, Zoning Variance – PPN 80-53-837-10-00

DIMENSIONAL AND NONUSE VARIANCE (SECTION 2205).
Mr. Chris Molloy, of 504 North Shore Drive, has submitted an application for zoning variance based upon a dimensional hardship that presently regulates that the minimum side yard setback for any principal structure at eight feet per Section 403.2 and that the minimum lot size must be a minimum of 8,400 square feet per Section 403.4 of the South Haven Zoning Ordinance. The parcel resides within the R-1B Single-Family Residential Zoning District. The Molloy's are seeking relief from Section 403 to allow a seven-foot, three-inch minimum setback for an addition to the home. The parcel number for the referenced address is 80-53-837-10-00. The applications and any supporting documentation are available for review and written comments will be received until 4:00 P.M., November 23, 2020 at South Haven City Hall, 539 Phoenix Street, South Haven. Instructions for participating in the video conference can be found on the posted agenda notice of virtual meeting online. All interested parties will be heard at the meeting.

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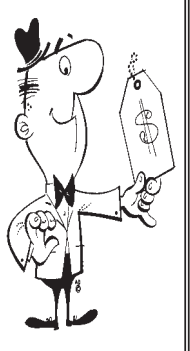

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BREAKFASTS AND BANQUETS

Pancake breakfast: The Lincoln Township Fire Department, 2130 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, will host a drive-thru pancake breakfast from 8-11:30 a.m. Saturday. Cost will be $5 for three pancakes and two sausage patties. The fresh-made meals will be brought to vehicles in to-go containers.

Burgers: American Legion Post 518, 4789 Weechik Road, New Troy, will have a hamburger night from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday. Cost is $5 for a burger, fries and salad. Cost is $6.50 for a burger, onion rings and salad. All orders are carryout. Order upon arrival, or call ahead at 426-3542.

Civic groups sponsoring fundraising meals, classes or other food-related events should send Breakfasts and Banquets information in writing to: Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or email focus@TheHP.com.

MEDICAL PEOPLE

Lakeland welcomes Dr. Rashmi D'Mello

Spectrum Health Lakeland has added Dr. Rashmi D'Mello, an allergist and immunologist, to its medical staff.

D'MELLO

D'Mello is seeing patients alongside Dr. Sutinderpal (Paul) Judge at Allergy, Asthma & Sinus Center, which has offices in Dowagiac and St. Joseph.

D'Mello earned her medical degree at Medical University of the Americas in Nevis, West Indies. She completed an internal medicine residency at University at Buffalo in New York, and an allergy/immunology fellowship at Louisiana State University Health Science Center.

D'Mello is board-certified in internal medicine, and is a member of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.

To learn more about the Spectrum Health Lakeland medical staff, visit spectrumhealthlakeland.org/physicians.

BLOOD DRIVES

American Red Cross

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Monday, Lawton Evangelical Mennonite Church, 425 Nursery St.

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Moose Lodge, 1025 Wells St., South Haven.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 4071 Naomi Road, Sodus.

Versiti Blood Center of Michigan

■ 2-7 p.m. today, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Lakeland at Meadowbrook, conference room 3, 2550 Meadowbrook Road, Benton Harbor.

■ 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, His Place Outreach Community Center, 15 S. Maple St., Hartford.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, LifeBridge Church, foyer, 10420 M-140, South Haven.

■ 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, Eau Claire Seventh-day Adventist Church, fellowship hall, 6562 Naomi Road, Eau Claire.

■ 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, Trinity Lutheran Church, gym, 5791 Sawyer Road, Sawyer.

■ Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

'Live Life Deliciously' with Tara Teaspoon

Jane Ammeson

Tara Bench's friends call her Tara Teaspoon, a reference to her 20-plus years as a food editor for Martha Stewart Living, Kids, and Weddings magazines, and as food and entertaining director of Ladies Home Journal magazine.

Now a blogger, recipe creator and food stylist, she has written her first cookbook, "Live Life Deliciously: Recipes for Busy Weekdays & Leisurely Weekends," with more than 120 recipes designed for casual and experienced cooks.

To make you feel like she's in the kitchen cooking with you, each of her recipes includes a description of her experience creating and using it. At the end of each one, she offers "Tara's Tips" – options for other ways to prepare the recipe, how to jazz up its presentation, or ways to make it easier or faster.

Crediting Martha Stewart Living with teaching her everything about being a food editor, Bench left the relatively new magazine – it was launched 30 years ago, and grew exponentially while she worker there – for the venerable Ladies Home Journal.

"I loved working at a magazine with such an amazing legacy," she said. "Flipping through the pages of those turn-of-the-century issues was fascinating."

Noting there are obvious and huge differences in the way we cook and eat now versus in the past, Bench said she can see innovative and regressive changes.

"Can you imagine being around when people started cooking with small appliances, like a toaster, a blender, let alone a microwave?" she said. "Then, over time, there was a desire to relearn to cook from scratch and using traditional cooking methods. We are a bit all over the place right now, with the insurgence of new machines like Instant Pots and air fryers, then whole food trends and unrefined food. What I love is that there is always innovation, and new perspectives on health, wellness, enjoyment and convenience."

Bench's passion for vintage cookbooks is part of her love for the history food and cooking has created.

"I'm fascinated by old cookbooks and the story they tell about ingredients, homes, families and what foods brought them together," she said. "I'm entranced by the techniques and practices of cooks before kitchens had microwaves and large freezers, let alone electric mixers and food processor. The recipes in some of the old cookbooks are of dishes, ingredients and styles of cooking that have been forgotten."

When new cooks wonder how to stock their kitchens, Bench recommends five essentials: a good, sharp chef's knife; a knife-friendly, non-slip cutting board; a heavy, medium-sized saucepan; a ceramic, nonstick skillet; and a dishwasher.

"Ok, skip the dishwasher," she said with a laugh. "The last one is a toss-up between a U-shaped whisk and a silicone spatula."

Photos provided

Tara Bench, aka Tara Teaspoon, is the author of "Live Life Deliciously," seen below.

Thai Meatball Golden Coconut Curry, above right, and Mexican-Spiced Black Bean Hash Browns and Eggs, above left, are featured in "Live Life Deliciously: Recipes for Busy Weekdays & Leisurely Weekends."

The following recipes are from "Live Life Deliciously."

Thai Meatball Golden Coconut Curry

Makes 6-8 servings.

"The Thai meatballs make this meal extraordinary, and leftovers are rare at my house. The full-fat coconut milk gives the dish a subtle sweetness, and creates a quick, rich sauce that's perfect for spooning over rice. The turmeric gives it a luscious gold color and aromatic flavor. Add a few tiny slices of fresh red cayenne chiles for a kick of heat."

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 teaspoon fennel seeds
1 red or yellow bell pepper, cut into 2-inch strips
1 small red onion, sliced root to tip
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup grape tomatoes, halved
1/2 teaspoon turmeric
3/4 teaspoon dried basil
1/4 teaspoon cayenne
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1 cup water
1 recipe Thai Chicken Meatballs (see recipe below), prepared
1 (14.5-ounce) can coconut milk
Cilantro, chopped
Red chiles, sliced (optional)
Cooked long-grain rice, for serving

Heat the oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the fennel seeds, bell pepper, onion and garlic, and cook for 3 minutes.

Stir in the tomatoes, turmeric, basil, cayenne, salt and water, and bring to simmer. Cook until the liquid is reduced by half, about 6 to 7 minutes.

Add the prepared meatballs and the coconut milk to the pan. Stir gently, and bring to a simmer. Cook until the meatballs are heated through.

Serve with rice. Garnish with cilantro and chiles, if desired.

Tara's Tip: This curry is delicious with more than just meatballs. Try it with sliced chicken breast or shrimp. I cut the chicken into thin strips so it cooks in about the same time it would take the meatballs to heat through. For a vegetarian option, add a few cups of your favorite cut-up veggies in place of the meatballs and use soy sauce in place of fish sauce.

Thai Chicken Meatballs

1 small onion, roughly chopped
1 clove garlic
2 tablespoons grated ginger
1 jalapeno, seeded
1 3/4 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into pieces (can substitute ground chicken)
1/2 cup packed cilantro
1 tablespoon fish sauce
1/2 cup breadcrumbs
2 egg whites

In a food processor, combine the onion, garlic, ginger and jalapeno, and pulse until finely chopped. Add the chicken, cilantro, fish sauce and breadcrumbs, and pulse until well blended but not quite pureed. No large pieces of chicken should remain. Add the egg whites and pulse briefly.

Heat a broiler to high, and place a rack 4 inches from the heat. Line a baking sheet with foil, and lightly coat with cooking spray.

Use a 2-tablespoon cookie scoop or a 1/2 cup to portion mixture into about 30 balls. Coat hands with water and shape into meatballs. Arrange on the baking sheet.

Broil until the meatballs are highly browned, about 4 minutes. Turn meatballs over, and broil for another 4 minutes. Serve, or add them to another recipe.

Stovetop variation: To cook the meatballs on the stovetop, heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook the meatballs in batches, turning occasionally, until cooked through, about 6 minutes.

Mexican-Spiced Black Bean Hash Browns and Eggs

"My take on huevos rancheros involves crispy hash brown potatoes instead of tortillas and seasoned with all the spices that make Mexican food delicious. It's a one-skillet meal filled with crispy and soft potatoes, black beans, eggs and tasty fixings."

3 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 (30-ounce package) frozen hash browns, partially thawed
1/2 cup yellow onion, finely chopped
3/4 teaspoon ground cumin
3/4 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 small jalapeno, seeded and finely chopped
1 cup canned black beans, drained
4 large eggs
Toppings, such as salsa, cherry tomatoes, cilantro, diced avocado and cotija cheese

Heat oil and butter in a 12- or 14-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until butter melts. Add hash browns and onion, and stir to coat. Cook for 5 to 7 minutes, until just starting to crisp. Stir in cumin, oregano, chili powder, salt and jalapeno, and cook for 4 to 6 minutes, until potatoes start to brown and crisp.

Reduce heat to medium. Stir in black beans, and then make 4 wells in the potato mixture. Crack 1 egg into each well, cover pan with lid, and cook eggs to desired doneness, about 10 minutes for soft eggs.

Divide hash browns and eggs between 4 plates, and serve immediately with your favorite toppings.

Tara's Tips: The presentation of the eggs cooked in the hash browns is fun, but you can skip that step and serve the hash browns with fried or scrambled eggs on the side.

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IN BRIEF

Jason Beckrow to discuss quality of life services

Caring Circle medical director Jason Beckrow will give a free, online seminar, "Living better with a serious illness," on Tuesday.

The seminar will be held virtually from noon-12:30 p.m. and 6-6:30 p.m.

Participants will be emailed a link to join, and can ask questions during the event.

Beckrow will discuss the advantages of quality of life services, and the value they bring to caregivers and people with serious or advancing illness.

Participants also will learn how beginning palliative care earlier can assist people in achieving what matters most to them.

A valid email address is required to register.

For more information, or to register, call 927-5361 or visit caring-circle.org/seriousillness.

Valve replacement surgery now available in St. Joseph

ST. JOSEPH — Patients with severe aortic stenosis – a hardening or narrowing of a heart valve – now can have transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) surgery locally.

The procedure replaces a diseased aortic valve with a new tissue or biologic valve. It's an alternative to traditional open-heart surgery, according to a news release.

Spectrum Health Lakeland cardiologists and cardiothoracic surgeons have been performing the procedure since 2012 in Kalamazoo through a collaboration with Bronson Healthcare.

Based on changes to Medicare guidelines, and demand for the procedure, Lakeland now can offer the minimally invasive option at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Board-certified nurse practitioner Emily Milliken has joined Lakeland as the TAVR program coordinator. She earned a master's degree in nursing from Goshen College.

Prior to joining Lakeland, Milliken was a registered nurse on the surgical intensive care unit, and a nurse practitioner in cardiothoracic surgery, in Mishawaka, Ind.

For more information about Lakeland Heart and Vascular, visit lakelandheart.com.

Dr. Kasewurm's to host tinnitus event on Tuesday

ST. JOSEPH — Dr. Kasewurm's Professional Hearing Services, 511 Renaissance Drive, will host an informational event about tinnitus – the perception of ringing, buzzing or whistling in the ears – at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Dr. Hannah Reeg will discuss the causes, symptoms and potential relief options for those with tinnitus.

An estimated 10-15 percent of the global population is affected by tinnitus, according to a news release. Tinnitus isn't a condition itself, it's a symptom of an underlying condition, such as hearing loss, ear injury or a circulatory system disorder.

Although tinnitus can worsen with age, it can improve with treatment, according to the practice.

To register for the event, visit prohear.net/tinnitus-talk or call 982-3444. Space will be limited due to COVID-19 restrictions.

For more information about Dr. Kasewurm's, visit prohear.net.